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Development (1933) Department

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G.O. No. 1057

DATED 29-8-33

[Despatch Abstract.]

Re Question Tories re Concessions in N. Kanara & Adranax - Papers recorded

Council Office.

3rd July 1933.

Starred question

THE DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

Mr. A. B. Chetty.

* 38 Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state

(a) in which reserves in South Kanara the Government have so far withdrawn the concessions allowed to the ryots;

(b) in which other reserves they propose to withdraw the concessions hereafter; and

(c) whether they have considered the representations made against each withdrawal.?

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Council Office.

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Mr. M. D. Shetty.

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(a) in which reserves in South Kanara the Government have so far withdrawn the concessions allowed to the ryots;

(b) in which other reserves they propose to withdraw the concessions hereafter; and

(c) whether they have considered the representations made against such withdrawal.?

Draft Answer.

(a) Concessions have been withdrawn for the following reserves.

(1) Guruvankote (2) Karnigadde (3) Kuresgudde (4) Harkur (5) Chittoor (6) Mudaregudde (7) Hosabettu (8) Todar (9) Nire (10) Vorwardy (11) Marimanly (12) Kassankatti (13) Kracombe

(b) ~~There is no proposal before Government to withdraw concessions only if they are abused.~~ The concessions will be withdrawn gradually in all reserves.

c) Yes

Vide note at pp 40-56 (V)

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pp 61-66 of 1942.

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Legislative Council Question No.38 (starred)
Mr.A.B.Shetty.

Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state:

(a) in which reserves in South Kanara the Government have so far withdrawn the concessions allowed to the ryots;

(b) in which other reserves they propose to withdraw the concessions hereafter; and

(c) whether they have considered the representations made against such withdrawal?

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Development Department.

Answer.

(a) Concessions have been withdrawn from the following reserves:-

(1) Guruvankota
(2) Karniggadde
(3) Kursegudde.
(4) Harkur
(5) Chittoor.
(6) Mudaregudde
(7) Hosabettu.
(8) Todar
(9) Nire
(10) Vorwardy.
(11) Mavinguly.
(12) Kassankotti.
(13) Veracomba.

(b) The concessions will be withdrawn gradually in all reserves.

(c) Yes.

C.A.Hendersen.
Secretary to Governmen

Fort St.George.)
29th July 1933)

To the Legislative Council Office.

Forwarded.
(By Order)

Superintendent.

(The above answer has been approved by the Hon'ble Diwan Bahadur Sir M.Krishnan Nair, Kt.)

Withdrawal of forest concessions in the reserve areas of South Kanara.

*54 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. SHETTY: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) in which reserves in South Kanara the Government have so far withdrawn the concessions allowed to the ryots;

(*b*) in which other reserves they propose to withdraw the concessions hereafter; and

(*c*) whether they have considered the representations made against such withdrawal?

A.—(*a*) Concessions have been withdrawn from the following reserves:—

(1) Guruvankota.
(2) Karniggadde.
(3) Kursegudde.
(4) Harkur.
(5) Chittoor.
(6) Mudaregudde.
(7) Hosabettu.
(8) Todar.
(9) Nire.
(10) Vorwardy.
(11) Mavinguly.
(12) Kassankotti.
(13) Veeracomba.

(*b*) The concessions will be withdrawn gradually in all reserves.
(*c*) Yes.

Mr. A. B. SHETTY:—"May I know, Sir, whether in view of the representations received from the various public bodies in South Kanara, the hon. the Law Member will be pleased to reconsider this matter and see what can be done?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"Unless new facts are placed before me, I am not prepared to reconsider the matter."

Mr. U. C. SUBRAHMANYA BHATT:—"May I know, Sir, as to why the Government should have thought of removing these concessions especially at this time when the ryot is suffering acutely from the general depression?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"As I stated, Sir, yesterday or the day before, the privileges were considerably abused."

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Question No. 38 for the ~~next~~ meeting of the Legislative Council to be held on ~~the~~ 31-7-1933

Submitted that two copies of this/~~these~~ Question~~s~~ may be forwarded to the ~~concerned~~ Development Department.

The Question has been admitted.

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U.O.No. 1395/33-6 dated 11.7.1933

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Superintendent

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Clause (a). Please See the Lr question in the Cf
The Concessions referred to have been
withdrawn in 13 reserves

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Six much abused reserves in N. Mangalore

(1) Guruvankote
(2) Karnigadde
(3) Kursegudde
(4) Harkur
(5) Chitoor
(6) Mudarigudde

(2) Six sandalwood reserve in N. Mangalore

(1) Hosabettu
(2)[x] Todar
(3) Nire
(4) Vorwardy
(5) Mavingnly
(6) Kassankatti

and (13) Veeracomba reserve in South Mangalore

Clause (b). ~~Perhaps if Similar abuses~~
~~are perpetrated the Ce may Consider~~
~~the desirability of withdrawing~~ the concessions
in 8 the reserves ~~The reply may be~~ ~~There~~
~~will be withdrawn in other reserves only if~~
~~they are abused.~~

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answer may be in the affirmative.
If draft answer is submitted for approval

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To D.S.

Please see the supplementary questions and answers at pg 6 of P.Q. No action is necessary. The papers may be recorded. The other questions on the subject may also be attended with the P.Q. on receipt of printed slips.

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L.C. Question - Forest — Conservancy in Sikkim - withdrawal - papers recorded.

READ AGAIN G.O. No. ....., dated ..... 19 .

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READ ALSO :—

C. No. ..... From the ....., No. ....., dated 19

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ORDER.

No. 1037, dated 29. 6. 1943

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(Read and noted)
R.R.
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Copy of O.M.No. 1870 I/32-4, dated 26-10-32

The Chief Conservator of Forests is informed that, beginning from next year, the consessions may be gradually withdrawn. The six reserves in North Mangalore and the Veerakamba reserve in South Mangalore may as a beginning be closed. As it is desirable that the people in the locality should be given reasonable warning of the intended closure of the reserve, the Chief Conservator is requested to notify immediately to the people affected the proposed withdrawal of the concessions by beat of tom tom in the villages and by publication in the district gazette and report some time in March next on any representations that may have been made against the withdrawal.

Copy of O.M.No. 2765 I/32-1, dated 5-12-1932.

The Chief Conservator of Forests is informed that the intention of Government was that a beginning should be made with the six reserves where the concessions have been much abused situated farthest from the sea and the six sandalwood reserves in the North Mangalore division and the Veeracamba reserve in the South Mangalore division. The warning and preliminary notification of the intended withdrawal of the concessions required in O.M.No. 1870 I/32-4, dated 26-10-32 should be issued before the concessions are cancelled.

Council Office. 3/7/33

Starred Question.

MR. A.B. SHETTY.

The Development Dept.

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*31. Will the Hon. the Law Member be pleased to state--

(a) whether the Catholic Association of South Kanara have represented to the Government the necessity for suspending the order cancelling the concessions granted to villagers in reserve forests including Kosabettu and Todar;

(b) whether the Government have considered this representations and taken any action in regard to it?

RB

Draft Answer

yes.

The representations were carefully considered but no action was thought necessary

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Representation of the Catholic Association of South Kanara regarding forest concessions.

3 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. SHETTY: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Catholic Association of South Kanara have represented to the Government the necessity for suspending the order cancelling the concessions granted to villagers in reserve forests including Hosabettu and Todar; and

(*b*) whether the Government have considered this representation and taken any action in regard to it?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The representation was carefully considered but no action thought necessary.

Mr. A. B. SHETTY:—"May I know, Sir, the grounds on which the Government have come to the decision that no action is necessary in the matter?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"This decision was arrived at after careful consideration, Sir."

Mr. A. B. SHETTY:—"It is just the answer given here, Sir. May I know the grounds on which the Government have based their order?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"The Government think that the people are abusing the privileges granted to them."

Mr. U. C. SUBRAHMANYA BHATT:—"May I know whether it is not a fact that, because the hardships of the people were real, the concessions were granted some time back?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"At the time the privileges were granted, it was specifically stated that if they were abused, they would be withdrawn."

Mr. M. S. SRESHTA:—"Is much harm done by the abuse, Sir? Has it been found that the abuse has resulted in much harm?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"The abuse will lead to the total destruction of the forests. That is the only harm."

Mr. A. B. SHETTY:—"May I know whether the Government have made any independent enquiry regarding the reports received about the abuse of concessions?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"The Collector was asked to give his opinion in addition to the reports of the departmental officers."

Mr. M. S. SRESHTA:—"Is the hon. Member aware that there is considerable discontent throughout the district in regard to this matter and that it is felt that the harm done is very slight and not proportionate to the very drastic step that has been taken by the Government?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"The Government know that the harm done is very great. As for the discontent in the district, my friend knows more about it than the Government."

Mr. A. B. SHETTY:—"May I know whether the Government will be prepared to make further investigation in this matter?

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"I am afraid not at present."

11.7.33

Question No. 31 for the ~~next~~ meeting of the Legislative Council to be held on the 31-7-1933

Submitted that two copies of this/~~these~~ Question/s may be forwarded to the ~~concerned~~ Developments Department.

The Question has been admitted.

U.O.No. 1395/33-6 dated 11-7-1933.

The Dev Department

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A draft answer to the Lia question is submitted for approval

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Please see the dis. proceedings at f 3c/ No action is necessary. The papers may be ~~sent~~ sent with go 1037 Dev'd 29.8.33. Vide note f 6/7 (X)

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QUESTION

Mr.M.S.Sreshta

THE DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

Draft answer

218. Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state-

(a) whether a representation has been received from the South Kanara Catholic Association requesting that the Goverment order withdrawing privileges enjoyed by the villagers in certain forests should be cancelled;

(a) yes. — M 26-7-33

(b) what action has been taken thereon?

(b) The representations were carefully considered ~~but no action was necessary~~ and it was decided that there were no grounds for cancellation of the order.

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(The above answer has been approved by Hon'ble 2)

Legislative Council Question No.218 Starred.
Mr.M.S.Sreshta.

Will the Hon. the Law Member be pleased to state:-

(a) whether a representation has been received from the South Kanara Catholic Association requesting that the Government order withdrawing privileges enjoyed by the villagers in certain forests should be cancelled;

(b) what action has been taken thereon?

Development Department.

Answer.

(a) Yes.

(b) The representations were carefully considered and it was decided that there were no grounds for cancellation of the order.

C.A.Henderson,
Secretary to Government.

Fort St.George.
29th July 1933

To the Legislative Council Office.

Forwarded.

(By Order)

T.R.Ramanatha Ayyar
Superintendent.

(The above answer has been approved by the Hon'ble Diwan Bahadur Sir M.Krishnan Nayar, Kt.)

Representation from the Catholic Association regarding withdrawal of forest concessions to ryots.

* 55 *Q.*—Mr. M. S. SREESHTA: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether a representation has been received from the South Kanara Catholic Association requesting that the Government Order withdrawing privileges enjoyed by the villagers in certain forests should be cancelled; and

(*b*) what action has been taken thereon?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

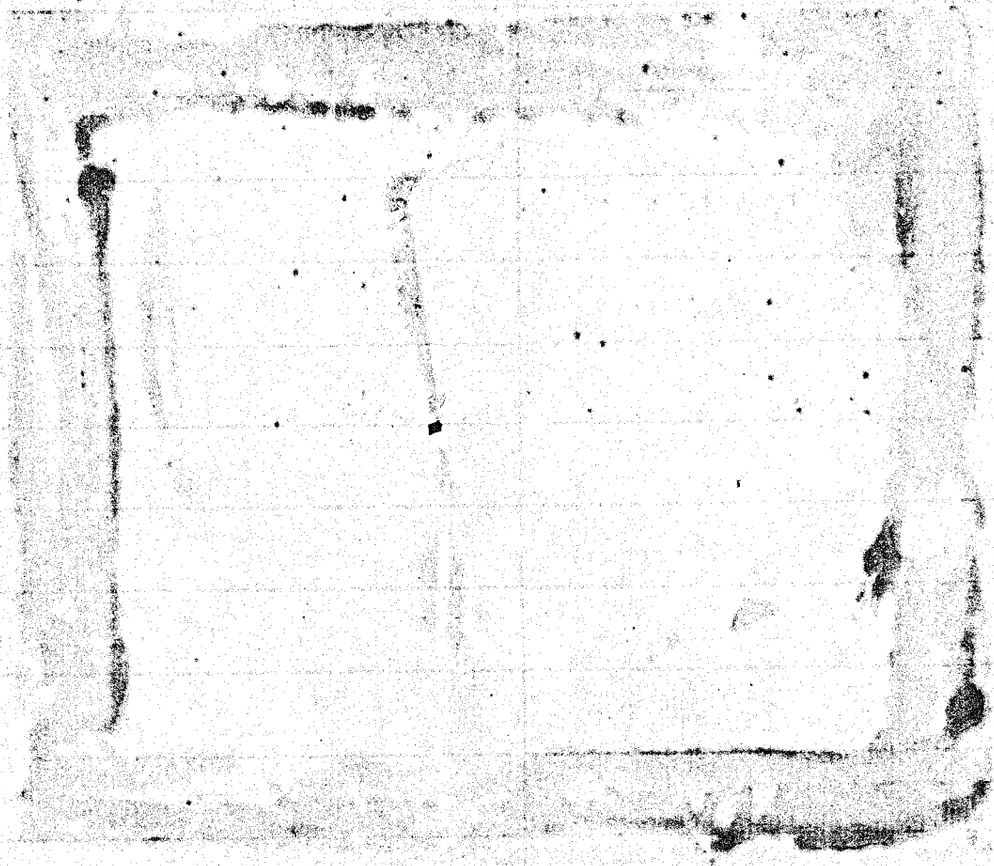
(*b*) The representations were carefully considered and it was decided that there were no grounds for cancellation of the order.

Mr. M. S. SREESHTA:—" Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to place on the table the memorandum received from the South Kanara Catholic Association? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—" All the papers have been placed on the table. They are printed as appendix to the answer."

Mr. M. S. SREESHTA:—" That memorandum has not been printed. Will the hon. the Law Member please see that that memorandum is published, if it has not been already ordered to be published? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—" Oh, yes. I have no objection."



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QUESTION.—No. 218

for the meeting of the Legislative Council ~~to be held~~ commencing on the 31. 7. 1933

SUBMITTED that two copies of this Question may be forwarded to the Dev Department.

The Question has been admitted.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
25 JUL 1933
DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

RS 24/7

U.O. No. , *dated*

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TOA.S. Please see the Lic. question in the cf. A draft answer is submitted for approval.

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To A.S.

Please see the L.C. proceedings at 3 cf. with reference to portion marked A ~~at 2 cf~~ a draft note to be placed on the table of the house is submitted for approval. For precedent please see

(d) page 9 of G.O. No. 1443 Dev dt 3.10.1931.

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To A.S.

175 copies of the Communication to the Council have been separately sent to L.C. The papers may now be stitched with

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Communication to the Council

With reference to the answer given to the Supplementary question No 55 at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on 2-8-1933 a copy of the memorandum received from the South Kanara Catholic Association addressed to the Hon'ble the Law Member is laid on the table of the House.

Memorandum from the Catholic Association of South Kanara

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Starred Question.

24-7-33

Mr. U.C. Subrahmanya Bhatt.

The Development Dept.

*292. Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state--

(a) whether the Government or the Collector of South Kanara have received representations from the people of Kargal and other villages of Coondapur taluk and from other villagers of other taluks regarding the cancellation by the Conservator of Forests, Madras, of the privileges enjoyed by the villagers of this district from time immemorial to remove firewood, manure leaves and other forest produce for their daily agricultural and domestic purposes from the reserve forests;

(b) if so, whether the ~~hon. the Law Member~~ Govt will be pleased to place such representations on the table of the House as well as a copy of the proceedings of the Conservator of Forests cancelling the said privileges;

(c) whether it is a fact that when on a former occasion the forest authorities obstructed the villagers in the exercise of their privileges, the Government on the representation of the villagers recognised the said privileges and granted them the concessions of taking green manure leaves, dried leaves, thorn, brushwood and other forest produce from all trees except classified trees in the reserve forests of South Kanara

(d) if so, whether the ~~hon. the Law~~ Govt. ~~member~~ will be pleased to place a copy of the said Government order on the table of the House and state how the conditions have now changed;

(e) why the Chief Conservator of Forests cancelled the said privileges; 2

(f) whether the Government would reconsider the proceedings of the Chief Conservator of Forests cancelling the privileges and regrant the said privileges?

RB

Development Dept.

Legislative Council Question.

Mr.U.C. Subrahmanya Bhatt.

292 (starred)

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(a) whether the Government or the Collector of South Kanara have received representations from the people of Kargal and other villages of Coondapur taluk and from other villagers of other taluks regarding the cancellation by the Conservator of Forests, Madras, of the privileges enjoyed by the villagers of this district from time immemorial to remove firewood, manure leaves and other forest produce for their daily agricultural and domestic purposes from the reserve forests;

(b) if so, whether the Government will be pleased to place such representations on the table of the House as well as a copy of the proceedings of the Conservator of Forests cancelling the said privileges;

(c) whether it is a fact that when on a former occasion the forest authorities obstructed the villagers in the exercise of their privileges, the Govt. on the representation of the villagers recognised the said privileges and granted them the concessions of taking green manure leaves, dried leaves, thorn, brushwood and other forest produce from all trees except classified trees in the reserve forests of South Kanara;

(d) if so, whether the Govt. will be please to place a copy of the said Government order on the table of the House and state how the conditions have now changed;

Draft answer.

(a) Yes.

(b) Copies of the Representations as well as a ~~were received from the following also~~.

(i) South Kanara Landholders' Association;

(ii) Todar and Hosbettu villagers;

(iii) South Kanara Catholic Association;

(iv) Ryots of Baindur and other villages;

(v) Puttur landholders' Association

~~(vi) Mr. J.A. Saldanha, Ex-M.L.C.~~

& copy of the proceedings of the CCF No. 560 of ~~dated~~ 17.12.30 on which the conservator's Regs are based are laid on the table

(c)&(d). If the hon. member could give more definite details about the representations made, ~~the will be considered.~~ (for further information and his request for the publication of the orders given on those representations will be considered.

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(e) why the Chief Conservator of Forests cancelled the said privileges?

(e) ~~As~~ they ~~concessions~~ were much abused, ~~they were withdrawn.~~

The concessions were withdrawn because they were granted on the specific condition that they would be withdrawn if they were ~~cancelled~~ abused.

RR 28.7.33

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JAR 28/7/33

(The above answers have been approved by the C.F.

Withdrawal of forest concessions in the South Kanara district.

73 *Q.*—Mr. U. C. SUBRAHMANYA BHATT: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government or the Collector of South Kanara have received representations from the people of Kargal and other villages of Coondapoor taluk and from other villagers of other taluks regarding the cancellation by the Conservator of Forests, Madras, of the privileges enjoyed by the villagers of this district from time immemorial to remove firewood, manure leaves and other forest produce for their daily agricultural and domestic purposes from the reserve forests;

(*b*) if so, whether the Government will be pleased to place such representations on the table of the House as well as a copy of the proceedings of the Conservator of Forests cancelling the said privileges;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that when on a former occasion the forest authorities obstructed the villagers in the exercise of their privileges, the Government on the representation of the villagers recognized the said privileges and granted them the concessions of taking green manure leaves, dried leaves, thorn, brushwood and other forest produce from all trees except classified trees in the reserve forests of South Kanara

(*d*) if so, whether the Government will be pleased to place a copy of the said Government Order on the table of the House and state how the conditions have now changed; and

(*e*) why the Chief Conservator of Forests cancelled the said privileges?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Copies[a] of the representations as well as a copy of the proceedings of the Chief Conservator of Forests No. 560, dated 17th December 1930, on which the Conservator's proceedings are based are placed on the table.

(*c*) & (*d*) If the hon. Member could give more definite details about the representations made his request for further information and for the publication of the orders of Government on those representations will be considered.

(*e*) The concessions were withdrawn because they were much abused. They were granted on the specific condition that they would be withdrawn if they were abused.

Mr. U. C. SUBRAHMANYA BHATT:—" May I know, Sir, why the Collector of South Kanara refused to grant interview to the petitioners and the landholders? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—" I am afraid I cannot give an answer to that question, because I have had no communication from the Collector of South Kanara on that point."

Mr. U. C. SUBRAHMANYA BHATT:—" May I know whether the administration of the forests was going on satisfactorily when the concessions were given and were in operation? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—" They were working satisfactorily till recently; when the concessions were abused, they were stopped."

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Mr. A. B. SHETTY:—" May I request the hon. the Law Member to place on the table the report received from the Chief Conservator regarding the alleged abuse of these concessions? "

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The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—" I shall consider the suggestion. I cannot make a promise."

Mr. U. C. SUBRAHMANYA BHATT:—" May I know what exactly was the nature of the abuses on the part of the villagers? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—" They are very many. I shall just give an illustration. One of the concessions given was that people might remove dead fuel from the forests without any payment. They cut down green trees for the purpose of converting them into dead fuel. Again, the forest was set on fire by some of the graziers."

Mr. U. C. SUBRAHMANYA BHATT:—" May I know whether an opportunity will be given to the villagers to prove how far they are innocent in the matter? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—" Opportunities were given. A special notification stating that the people were at liberty to send in their representations to Government was published. The department waited to receive these representations. But they were not received in time."

Mr. U. C. SUBRAHMANYA BHATT:—" May I know whether there was any publication of this notification in the villages? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—" Yes, by tom-tom."

[Vide answer to question No. 73 asked by Mr. U. C. Subrahmanya Bhatt at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 2nd August 1933, page 163 supra.]

Letter, dated 20th July 1933, from B. Thimmannacharya, landlord, Brahmavar, South Kanara, to the hon. the Law Member.

In a general meeting of the villagers of Kergal, Nandanavan, Kambadakone, Heranjalu, Kirimanjeshwara, Uppunda, Bijur, etc., assembled at Nayakanakatte on the 11th of July 1933, the villagers thereof, after passing certain resolutions setting forth their grievances in respect of the recent notification by the District Forest Officer, North Mangalore, in the District Gazette of 24th January 1933, have authorized and instructed me, as their elected President, to submit a copy of the proceedings to you for kind consideration. The copy is herewith enclosed.

The Proceedings No. 560, dated 16th December 1932, of the Chief Conservator of Forests, Madras, published in the above notification, entails serious suffering to those villagers as it seeks to deprive them of the use of the only forest on the waste products of which the cultivation of vast fields in those villages depends.

Favour of early action is solicited.

Enclosure.

Proceedings of the General Body meeting held on 11*th July* 1933 *at Naikanakatte of No.* 9, *Kergal village of Coondapoor taluk, of the occupants of Kergal, Nandanavana, Kambadakone, Heranjalu, Kirimanjeshwar, Uppunda, Bijur and other villages.*

PRESENT:

Koderi Narayana Karantha and others, in all, 305 persons.

1. Proposed by Naikanakatte Krishna Bhatta and seconded by Koderi Narayana Karantha, that M.R.Ry. Brahmavar Timmannacharya be elected to be the president of the meeting, he being a wargdar of the locality and having experience of the same. He was unanimously elected as president.

2. Read notice published by the Forest Officer in *South Kanara Gazette* of 11th January 1933 about the proceedings of the Conservator of Forests, Madras, dated 16th December 1932, No. 569, that the concessions granted to the public to remove forest produce from reserve forests have been cancelled. The people of this locality have been from time immemorial bringing firewood, manure leaves and other forest produce for their daily agricultural and domestic purposes from Kusigudde, Guruvanakote and other adjoining reserve forests. Recently the Government has converted the forests into reserve forests ostensibly for the purpose of helping the public and has been obstructing step by step the use of such reserve forests by the public. The people through their representatives in Council agitated in regard to the same and the former Chief Conservator who knew very well the difficulties of ryots here had given free permission to bring green manure leaves, dried leaves, thorn, brushwood and other forest produce from all trees except classified trees. The present Chief Conservator, however, without enquiry has entirely cancelled all the aforesaid rights.

3. The meeting with great sorrow condemn the aforesaid notification cancelling the concessions as the same not only caused great hardship to cultivation but even the firewood required by people for their daily use has been made unavailable. When on account of the great distress the price of foodstuffs has gone down and people are experiencing great difficulties even in the proper and timely payment of assessment due to the Government, this order is sure to discourage all cultivation, and there is even the danger of lands going fallow. The notification which prohibits the people for taking the forest produce from which the Government gets not a single pie and which gets destroyed in the forest is really very hard which no civilized Government [illegible] support.

4. This meeting regrets that the District Collector has not passed any orders till now either in the proceedings of the people of Baindur locality that sent to him or on the representations of the deputation that waited on the Collector when he came to Baindur.

5. The meeting feels that this notification will surely give rise to a lot of ill-feeling between the Government and the people and result also in unnecessary agitation and reprisals and hence the meeting humbly prays that the Local Government may be pleased immediately to cancel the notification and make the forest produce available to people as before.

6. The president of this meeting is hereby authorized to send copies of the proceedings of this meeting to the District Collector, the District Forest Officer, the Chief Conservator and Conservator of Forests, the hon. the Law Member to the Government of Madras, the President of South Kanara Landholders' Association and also the Legislative Council Members representing the district and to all the papers of the district.

MANGALORE,
11*th July* 1933.

TIMMANNACHARYA,
President.

II

Letter from M.R.Ry. K. R. KARANT Avargal, B.A., LL.B., Honorary Secretary, South Kanara Landholders' Association, Mangalore, to the Secretary to Government, Development Department, No. 39, dated 2nd March 1933.

I am enclosing herewith a copy of the proceedings of a public meeting of landholders held under the auspices of the South Kanara Landholders' Association at Mangalore, on 22nd February 1933 and I beg to draw your particular attention to resolution No. III contained therein. I shall thank you to acknowledge receipt of the same and kindly communicate to me the action which Government may be pleased to take on the matter.

Enclosure.

Proceedings of a public meeting of Landholders held under the auspices of the Landholders' Association, South Kanara, at 5-30 *p.m., on Wednesday, the* 22*nd February* 1933.

Mr. J. A. Saldanha, B.A., LL.B., retired Assistant Sessions Judge and ex-M.L.C., was unanimously voted to the Chair.

Mr. K. R. Karant, Secretary to the South Kanara Landholders' Association and Convener of the meeting, explained the objects of the meeting.

III. Proposed by Mr. B. Manjaya Hegde, B.A., B.L., and seconded by Mr. M. N. Chowta, B.A., B.L., and unanimously passed.

> That this meeting strongly protests against the proposed policy of the gradual withdrawal of the concessions to the cultivators in the reserve forests of Government in the district, enunciated in the proceedings of the Chief Conservator of Forests, Ms. No. 560, dated 17th December 1932, and communicated to the Secretary of the Landholders' Association, by the District Forest Officer of North Mangalore, and the actual withdrawal of the concessions in some of the reserves from 1st April 1933.

IV. Proposed by Mr. B. Mahabala Shetty, B.A., B.L., and seconded by Mr. A. M. Mathias and passed unanimously

> That a deputation consisting of the following gentlemen and others who may be co-opted by them and led by Mr. K. R. Karant, do wait upon the District Collector, to represent the grievances of the landholders of the district in regard to the matters contained in the above resolutions.

V. Proposed by Mr. A. M. Mathias and seconded by Mr. M. Shankernarayana Rao, B.A., B.L., that this meeting authorizes the Secretary of the Landholders' Association to communicate the proceedings of this meeting to Government, the local authorities and the M.L.Cs. of the district and the press.

Members of the deputation.

(1) Mr. A. B. Shetty, M.L.C., (2) Mr. M. S. Sreshta, M.L.C., (3) Khan Bahadur Mahmud Schamnad, M.L.C., (4) Mr. U. C. Bhat, M.L.C., (5) Mr. K. R. Karant, (6) Mr. M. Shankernarayana Rao, (7) Mr. J. A. Saldanha, (8) Diwan Bahadur N. Subba Rao, (9) Mr. V. K. Nambesan, (10) Mr. K. S. Adiga and (11) Dr. K. Vittal Shetty.

J. A. SAI,
Chairman.

Petition from the ryots and cultivators of Hospet and Todar villages Secretary to Government, Development Department.

[Cancellation of forest rights and concessions.]

We the ryots and cultivators of the villages of Hospet and Todar villages respectively beg to pray that the cancellation of the rights and concessions in the Reserve Forest of Hosabettu and Todar villages may be suspended until an official or non-official inquiry is held with a previous notice of the charges against them. Because no such previous notice had been given to them and the order of Conservator of January 1933 cancelling the rights and concessions came to them as a surprise. We respectfully submit that such drastic measure are calculated to add considerably to our terrible sufferings in these days of woeful distress. We beg to urge that whatever be the charges on which the cancellation are based, as a body the villagers concerned are innocent. It is alleged that a number of classified trees have been found cut. But most of them are dried trees, or dried branches of trees. Many other cuttings can be explained if an opportunity is given to us. It appears that the Forest Department is under the impression that we have got large areas of Kumki lands. We beg to submit that they are far from adequate for the purposes of manure and other uses of cultivators. Hence, we obtained from Government the recognition of our immemorial rights in reserve forest to green manure leaves for manure and poles for planting beetle leaves-creepers. They are of absolute necessity just in the summer before the rains to be got from the reserve forests, without which we shall be reduced to a most pitiable condition. Hence our humble prayer for the suspension of the orders of Government pending an inquiry into the charges against us. We append a note explaining the origin and growth of the above-mentioned rights and privileges, which will prove how absolutely necessary they are for the maintenance of cultivation in our villages. If Government persist in their policy of cutting off our rights and concessions in reserve forests, we shall be driven from our villages, each and every one, allowing the conversion of our once most flourishing villages into a grand dense jungle fit only for the rapid increase of wild animals. May Government be pleased in the name of humanity to have pity upon us poor cultivators.

We beg to remain, your most obedient servants.

We submit this memorial through the Secretary of the Landholders' Association of South Kanara, for being forwarded to the Government with a note of the history of forest rights and concessions by J. A. Saldanha, ex-M.L.C., Hosabettu Church, 2nd April 1933.

Adiraja Kadamba, Landholder, Hosabettu and others.

Enclosure.

Forest grievances of cultivators in South Kanara.

Note below petition of the villagers of Todar and Hosabettu villages, dated 2nd April 1933, by Mr. J. A. Saldanha, ex-M.L.C.]

The petition is submitted with a typewritten copy of it with reference to the previous correspondence and notes. A reference is also invited to proceedings in the Legislative Council specially those reported in XLI, 211–245 and LIII, 170 and 231. The main points for being urged are—

(1) The rights of cultivators in villages to green leaves manure from adjoining reserve forests has been recognized from time immemorial and that without any fees, unlike in other districts, probably because of the ancient rights of village cultivators in forests and concession to cut brushwood beyond the Kumaki lands follows as a matter of course, restricted as it is within a certain distance.

(2) No apparent ground is given for the cancellation of the privileges. If there have been abuses on the part of the people, no warning was given to them, nor notice to show cause against their cancellation.

(3) The Todar and Hosabettu forests were formerly and have always been maintained for fuel purposes. But in the order of cancellation they are for the first time described as sandalwood reserves. Sandalwood plantation has been banished from this district as unsuitable and unremunerative. No change of the policy of the department has been notified. If there is a change in its policy, it may be expected to be carried out without prejudice to the rights and necessities of the cultivators in maintaining their fields and gardens—an inheritance of ages of immense labour and expenditure of money.

4) The drastic manner in which the orders are carried out with only two or three months' notice savours of barbarous cruelty, not to speak of the injustice involved, especially in these days of terrible distress, which is more acutely felt in the interior villages than on the coast. It is hoped therefore that the pitiful and pathetic cry of the poor villagers will meet with fair and merciful treatment on the part of Government.

J. A. SALDANHA.

MANGALORE,
10*th April* 1933.

IV

Letter from the Honorary Secretary, the Catholic Association of South Kanara, to the Secretary to Government, Development Department, dated Mangalore, the 1st May 1933, No. 27.

I am directed to submit for your information and favour of necessary action the following resolution passed by the general body of the South Kanara Catholic Association:—

> "That this meeting views with great concern the withdrawal of the privileges and concessions granted to the villagers in reserve forests, especially Todar and Hosabettu, and urge that the orders may be suspended pending an enquiry after due notice to the people concerned."

A memorandum is being prepared showing the grounds on which the existing concessions should not be withdrawn. I am desired to request that meanwhile no final orders may be passed on the subject

V

Abstract translation of petition from the ryots of Baindur, etc., villages

The petition, which is in Kanarese, is a report of the proceedings of a public meeting held at Baindur (South Kanara district) on the 30th April 1933 under the presidentship of M.R.Ry. Yedtere Kristappa Shetty, in which the ryots of Baindur and the adjoining villages complain that the Forest department has all of a sudden withdrawn from the 1st April the concessions under which the local cultivators and the members of the public were allowed to remove from the reserve forest the dry fuel, dry leaves, green manure, brambles, etc., required for agricultural and domestic purposes, without the payment of any fee, that this concession had been introduced only about two or three years ago after the justice of the claim to these materials had been recognized after many long years of agitation, that the withdrawal of the concessions operates as a very great hardship which is apt to drive the ryots to despair and cause them to leave their lands uncultivated and create great disaffection among the ryots and that it behoves the benign Government to remove this hardship by restoring the concessions which have been cruelly withdrawn when the ryots are already suffering great distress.

The reports add that the president is authorized to submit copies thereof to the Hon'ble the Law Member, the representatives of South Kanara in the Legislative Council and to the newspapers of the district.

VI

Letter from Mr. J. A. SALDANHA, to the Hon'ble the Law Member, dated 10th June 1933.

The question of withdrawal of the concessions in reserved forests allowed to cultivators, especially those of Hosabettu and Todar in South Kanara, has been before you for some time. I had submitted a note on representation of the cultivators of the last-mentioned two villages in April 1933 to the Secretary to Government, Development Department (Forests), and have sent one recently—a copy of which in print—I beg to submit in connexion with a memorandum submitted by the President of the South Kanara Catholic Association in drawing which I had some hand. In sending my printed note, I may lay stress on

fees as an exemption to the general rule in the Presidency on account of the exceptional conditions of this district, which are well described in the South Kanara Manual and in I.L.R. Mad., 257, at pages 260, 264, 279, 280 and 295.

(2) The privilege of free grant of green leaves cannot be intermixed with forest village panchayat system, as it was attempted to be as pointed out by Mr. Tireman in his speech on 15th April 1924 (Legislative Council Proceedings, XVII, page 730).

(3) That system was reported to be satisfactory till 1930–31 in 1932.

(4) There could not have occurred such extensive and serious abuses as to necessitate withdrawal of the concessions as well as the cancellation of the forest village panchayat system.

Our district includes Catholic cultivators, especially at Hosabettu and Todar—much concerned in the demand. Hence my appeal.

VII

Proceedings of the Chief Conservator of Forests, No. 560 *Ms., date 17th December* 1932.

[Forest concessions—South Kanara—Withdrawal—Orders passed.]

After repeated requests the Government have eventually agreed to the gradual withdrawal of the special concessions in South Kanara beginning from next year and have ordered that the following reserves should be closed to the concessions to start with:—

(i) Six of the much abused reserves of the Coondapoor range of North Mangalore which lie farthest from the sea.

(ii) The following six sandalwood reserves in the North Mangalore division:—

(i) Hosabettu.	(iv) Vorwady.
(ii) Todar.	(v) Mavinguly.
(iii) Nire.	(vi) Kassankatti.

(iii) The Veeracamba reserve forest in South Mangalore.

As it is desirable that the people in the locality should be given reasonable warning of the intended closure of the reserves, the District Forest Officers concerned should notify immediately to the people affected the proposed withdrawal of the concessions by beat of tom-tom in the villages and by publication in the district gazette. The concessions should be withdrawn from 1st April 1933, after issuing the preliminary warning and notification.

2. The District Forest Officers are requested to submit reports on any representations that may be made against the withdrawal through the Collector and Conservator not later than 1st March 1933

VIII

Extract of the proceedings of the meeting of the landholders of the Puttur taluk assembled in the Board Higher Elementary School, Puttur, dated the 29*th April* 1933.

This meeting is grieved to hear that it is under contemplation to withdraw the few privileges granted to the public in respect of reserved forests and prays that Government may be pleased not to withdraw these privileges.

[Resolution No. 6—Forest privileges—Withdrawal threatened—Relief prayed.]

This resolution only prays that certain forest privilegs graciously given by Government should not be withdrawn as is rumoured to be under contemplation. It is possible, nay likely, that a very plausible case may be made out by the Forest department in support of such withdrawal. With a trained staff, this is easily done. It is only a question of heart and attitude with them but the peoples' side of the matter has to be heard before action has to be taken. If only such an opportunity is given the reason for withdrawal of concessions can be met. Forest grievances are fouling the atmosphere of rural parts and clouding the view of the people as to Government's intentions. The withdrawal of even the few privileges given will fill the heart of the people with bitterness and make their daily life and living most miserable and irksome. The submission is to save the people from all this suffering and misery.

QUESTION.—No. 24 α for the meeting of the Legislative Council to be held on the 31-7 1933

SUBMITTED that two copies of this Question may be forwarded to the Rev Department.

The Question has been admitted. and sent to the hon. the law member for answer to-morrow afternoon

Ag 26/7

R.V.K 26/7

U.O. No. , dated

ASSISTANT SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT 27 JUL 1933 DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

The Rev Department. (with copy of the letter from Mr. Smith)

Short Notice question – to be answered on the 2nd August

OAS.

Please See The deg Counal question (Short Notice) on the cf.

2) Clause (a), Please See the representations received from the villages of Karkal and other villages in the linked file. Other representations were also received from the following protesting against the withdrawal of the concessions. –

(I) South Kanara Landholders Association
(II) Jodar and Mosabettu villages
(III) South Kanara Catholic Association
(IV) Ryots of Bannoor and other villages
(V) Puttur Landholders Association
(VI) Mr J A Saldhana Ex MLC

3) Clause (b). There is no objection to the above representations being placed on the table of the House

* Copy of the Conservator's order withdrawing the concessions is not available. The order is however based on the Chief Conservator's proceedings No 560 dated 17-12-1932. A Copy of the latter is available

the table of the house as edited

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4. Clauses (c) & (d) Presumably the mkt. was in view the orders in Go 1159 dated 16-6-30 (X) passing orders on the points raised in the memorandum presented by Mr Karanth.
Please see pp 12-13, CE's letter at pp 71-73 and para (2) of Go (at pp 179-180) ~~of the Go~~. (X)
Instead of placing the Go. on the tal a copy of the reply sent to Mr Karan by the CE - copy at pp 16-17 of Go 1688 dtd 24-11-31 (Y) may be placed on the table. If, however, the Mkt Comte desire more precise details about the representation made the matter may be considered. Perhaps the Mkte. might be informed accordingly.

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It is possible the refere is to Go 1159 dt 16-6-30 (X). We may however ask the Mkte to give us some more definite details of the correspondence before we agree to publication of

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5. Clause (e). The Concessions were withdra because they were covered by CL H at Rates of Go 1426 dtd 2-11-32. These Concessions were given on the understanding that they would be withdrawn if they were abused - Vide A at page 35 of the Go. (W)

6 # Draft answers submitted for ~~approval~~ consideration.

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To A.S.

Please see the Le proceedings at ℘5 ℄
Submitted for orders with reference to
portion marked A at ℘5 ℄

MM 6.9.33 If it is thought that a copy of the letter with enclosures if might be laid on the table they will be edited

Pages 1-3 of (W) The C.C.'s report suitably edited may be placed on the table.

JAH 6.9.33 The Conservator's report at pages 33-39 of ℘20 dated 2.11.32 may also be placed with the C.C.'s letter on the table. It does not seem to be necessary to publish the reports of D.F.O.'s. There is however no objection to them also being placed on T.T. if considered necessary.

RR 7.9.33 J.

(as edited) I would recommend publication of the C.C.F.'s report at ℘℘ 1-3 & the Conservator's at ℘℘. 33-37 of (W).

JAH 7/9

8.9.33 H.M.C. 8.9 agree with the S.

WDG 8-9-33.

JAH 8/9

To A.S.

(as edited) A draft note to be placed on the table of the House is submitted for approval

M 9.9

To A.S.

175 copies of the Communication to the council have been separately sent to L.C Office. These papers may be stitched with Cp in 1037 Secy dt 29.8.33

4.10.33

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Please print 190 copies
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Communication to the Council.

With reference to the answer given to the Supplementary question to question no 73 at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on 2.8.33 the following reports regarding the abuse of Concessions in the reserved forests of South Kanara are laid on the table of the House

(1) Letter from the Conservator of Forests Malabar Circle, Rep. no. 119/3207 28.3.1932.

(HE 1433-3947 (W)

(2) Letter from the Chief Conservator of Forests no 2537/31-C1 of 5.8.32

HE 1811-3 of (W)

A clean copy with the changes before suggested.

Please make an extra copy for the office. keep the file.

COMMUNICATION TO THE COUNCIL

With reference to the answer given to the supplementary question to question No. 73 at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on 2nd August 1933, the following reports regarding the abuse of concessions in the reserved forests of South Kanara are laid on the table of the House :—

(1) Letter from the Conservator of Forests, Ootacamund Circle, Ref. No. 119/32, dated 28th March 1932.

Letter from the Chief Conservator of Forests, No. 2537/31-3-1, dated 5th August 1932.

C. A. HENDERSON,
Secretary to Government.

Letter from the Conservator of Forests, Sixth Circle, Ootacamund, to the Chief Conservator of Forests, Madras, dated 28th March 1932, Ref. No. M-119/32.

I have talked to the District Forest Officers about the ' concessions ' during my present tour in South Kanara; and have also seen places where they are a serious consideration in the two divisions.

About four years ago, I wrote very fully about the concessions; past history prior to 1924; the association of panchayats with concessions, etc.; details of ' abuses ' in the several reserves; our 1927 negotiations with the populace of the coast near Baindur, in search of expedients acceptable to both sides; conclusions that were reached; action taken, etc. There is nothing whatever to correct in that report of 1927; and the information on almost every aspect of the concessions is there.

I reported then that the practice in force would in time (30 years were suggested) ruin the reserves, in the same manner that the unreserves had already been ruined.

Now as regards present day opinion:—

The District Forest Officer of North division, after about two years' experience, thinks that the concessions should be withdrawn; for one reserve, then after a pause, for another, until all are closed. He would begin inland behind Baindur reserve and work outwards. He points out as an example that the Herur reserve was closed by you in 1928. An extra guard was put on (with a gun). There has been good protection and no trouble at all.

I think there is something to be said for his view. If there *are* places which really need special provision to be made, then the fact would become evident and we should have leisure in which to make arrangements. Incidentally, if we devote any area to leaf lopping, it will be inadvisable to cling to distinctions between classified and unclassified trees. Such distinctions are not controllable in forest which is different to a factory yard.

The District Forest Officer, South Mangalore division, also with nearly two years' experience here regards localized fellings,—confined to a fixed annual open period or periods in which we could put an extra supervision—as a workable expedient for those few places in his division that need any such provision. Elsewhere private forest and unreserves and Kumaki forests are so abundant that there is no reason for concessions.

The little private ' hadies ' that one sees in North Mangalore everywhere (with masses of foliage, even now in April) are evidence how very easily any landholder can, by simply putting up a protective mud wall, grow trees and provide for his own requirements, if he likes. The ordinary cultivator (in the hands of a landlord) will prefer free supplies from reserves. The vociferous people at Baindur are landlords, incidentally, and not cultivators.

The reports of the District Forest Officers indicate that in the way of abuses and breaches of forest law, North Mangalore goes on disregarding rules just as usual, whilst in the South division abuses in some places had abated considerably. In the South division I was shown one place where there were no fresh abuses, but plenty of marks of 18 months' old

offences. Where there had been this improvement, it was due to personal efforts by the District Forest Officer who interviewed communities himself. But elsewhere similar efforts had failed utterly. For example in Virakhamba reserve.

Both District Forest Officers say how demoralizing it is to the subordinate staff to have unworkable rules to enforce.

The notification that is issued to the public annually runs as follows:—

" It is hereby notified for the information of the public that the Chief Conservator of Forests, Madras, in his order Ref. No. 152/29, dated 20th December 1929, has been pleased to continue the following concessions to ryots of the South Mangalore division from 1st January 1930 to 30th June 1930, in all the reserved forests of South Mangalore division. The concessions are given on the understanding that if they are abused, they will be withdrawn.

Concessions.—(*a*) Clearing of undergrowth in all reserves (except in Muliyar, Kalanjimale and Virakhamba reserve of South Mangalore division) to a distance of half a mile from the limits of private holdings;

(*b*) clearing of undergrowth in Muliyar, Kalanjimale and Virakhamba reserve of the South Mangalore division to a distance of 200 yards from the limits of private holdings;

(*c*) clearing of undergrowth in all areas sown with Hopea; and

(*d*) free removal of—

(1) green manure leaves of unclassified species and dry leaves of all species; and

(2) dead fuel.

NOTE (1).—These concessions will be limited to the use of produce in the village limits from which the produce is taken.

(2) The word ' undergrowth ' noted above is defined to mean ' growth of unclassified species not above 6 feet in height ' and the words ' dead fuel ' to mean parts of dead trees less than 3 inches in diameter."

(The above refers to South Mangalore division: Similar notifications are published in North division.)

Taking points in the notice:—

(*a*), (*b*) *and* (*c*)—*Clearing undergrowth.*—The idea is to do away with shelter that harbours wild pig or other enemies of field crops. I have not seen this availed of anywhere, nor have the District Forest Officers. That is to say, there are small patchy clearances of undergrowth (for example, near Mandekole village) but they were done to get leaf manure, and not to keep the wild beasts away.

Observe the foot-notes, limiting the rules:—

NOTE (1).—The produce is to be ' used '—may not be sold? or may it?—in the village limits only. Actually the destination of what is being collected is not ascertainable in the forest. Outsiders would say they were helping a local man to collect his leaf litter and we could not intervene. Outside the forest the destination of the produce cannot be interfered with or checked unless an elaborate permit system is set up. We see big boat loads of leaf being brought down the river from up country forest (origin uncertain) for sale in Coondapoor.

NOTE (2).—' Undergrowth ' is limited to small stuff under 6 feet high: and ' dead fuel ' is part of a dead tree and below 3 inches diameter.

But the principal catch in the rules as notified is that rule (*d*) does not impose any limitations on how ' green leaf manure ' may be cut. We all know what is understood by leaf manure: it has not been picked, leaf by leaf; but consisted of lopped branches with leaves adhering.

There is nothing in the published notice limiting the height at which unclassified trees may be lopped; or the size of the branches that may be hacked off. Provided the cutting is alleged to be for leaf manure, all is well. Consequently a reserve is liable to become a dead fuel factory. The coolie hacks down a small tree or a big branch, and spreads the branches about the ground. He is ' cutting leaf manure '. In a few days, he can return; and then (gathering up the fragments) he is ' collecting dry leaves or dead fuel '.

As a matter of fact, the futility of making exact specification for such matters for the benefit of care-free coolies, boys, women and children has, no doubt, been before the eyes of whoever framed the rules. But the result is sadly evident when you inspect a reserve where these concessions are worked for all they are worth.

Take for example Sarpanamane reserve, north of Baindur and on the Bombay frontier.

Here the undergrowth is disappearing rapidly. I will quote from my inspection notes " I went precisely where I had gone in 1927. The first impression is: ' the forest looks just as it did at my last visit.' Getting further inside, however, the ground within the forest is seen to be spread about liberally with twigs and small branch material from the cutting of the smaller shrubby tree growth. Very few of the tops of the actual trees are cut. These " trees ' are 12 years old coppice regrowth from simple coppice fellings of about 1919. To the leaf manure collector they are not big enough to be worth climbing, for lopping purposes. All the cutting is, therefore, done at ground level. I saw instances of xylia poles cut evidently for roofing purposes. I came to a standstill at one point, where cutting seemed very bad, and counted round me within an arbitrary ten yards radius the stumps of small trees that had been hacked down: there were 12. I determined to go on 50 yards and count again. I did so and the count gave 11 instances."

Technical objections to the concessions.

Removal of leaf litter.—All countries have gone through stages in which the country people have insisted on being given it: the forests have naturally deteriorated until the deterioration became evident.

The removal of undergrowth, young tree growth and shrubs is against nature and must clearly be adverse to the forest. The latter is generally deciduous, and the exposure of the soil to direct sun rays, when the leaves of the forest trees have fallen in the hot weather, causes the soil to be baked and dried up. Even the shade of leafless shrubs makes a difference. Ground vegetation affects underground water conservation. Moreover, in the monsoon, shrubs hold the soil together and as much to prevent erosion as the forest trees.

About part of Mandakole reserve in South Mangalore, I wrote as follows:—" The abuses of concession in this village neighbourhood had evidently been bad in 1930. This can be seen from the state of specially the Terminalia and Nux vomica trees. In 1931, however, the District Forest Officer had an interview with the villagers; and they promised to mend their ways. It is evident that abuses have abated greatly."

About Virakhamba reserve (South Mangalore) I wrote:—" This consists of small hilly blocks, well away from our main groups of reserves farther from the coast. The reserve is surrounded by cultivation, which uses leaf manure: Nux vomica leaves for coconut manuring: dry leaf fall litter for the paddy flats; cut leaf manure mainly Terminalia tomentosa and Nux vomica for the stable bedding, and then for general manuring purposes.

All efforts to promote a panchayat have failed, because rich man and poor man alike, each thinking for his own hand, believe they get more out of it by the present confused administration.

Past records show that lopping Terminalias for leaf manure is an old practice: offences occurred before the concessions as they occur now—ten since Christmas—but the people have now a legal footing: so they can cut more freely.

Secondly, unreserves ' out in the blue ' near these blocks, do not now give as much Terminalia and Nux vomica leaf as they used to: so there is more pressure on reserves.

The Virakhamba forest is now a forest of pollards, reserved and classified trees are the main sufferers, because it happens their leaves are preferred. The local forest guard cannot keep any control. A better man would fail too.

Dry leaf is removed freely (we saw huge heaps down on the paddy flats in the enclosure village).

Fuel is stolen, to some extent."

General remarks.—The reserves most concerned with concessions are of value now for production of fuel (in fact, they are fuel coupe series), and for all the other normal functions of reserved forest.

Forest protection is seldom easy anywhere: and the state of things in South Kanara is setting up awkward precedents. I have yet to hear the train of argument that shows why South Kanara is due (sic) special free leaf manure from reserves. Yet we give it free.

The concessions are not necessary, generally. If concessions are to stop, we can easily set to work and make special plans for those particular places that must be provided with leaf manure from reserves.

Letter from the Chief Conservator of Forests, to the Secretary to Government, Development Department, dated Ootacamund, the 5th August 1932, No. Ref. 2537/31-C-1.

[Forest concessions—South Kanara—Annual reports for the years 1930 and 1931.]

In July 1930, the Chief Conservator was instructed to report cases of abuses of the concessions permitted in the reserved forests of South Kanara where such abuse is sufficiently serious to require a reconsideration of the general orders regulating the grant of the concessions.

The working of the concessions in 1930 was reported on, but as the Conservator had not had an opportunity of himself inspecting, he was directed to offer fuller observations of his own when submitting the District Forest Officers' reports for 1931.

In North Mangalore, the position was appreciably worse in 1931 than in 1930—in no fewer than thirteen reserves were the concessions ' much ' abused, and it is impossible for the subordinates to detect more than a small fraction of the abuses.

In South Mangalore the concessions are reported to have been much abused in one case and ' to a fairly large extent ' in nine cases. Both these definitions must be regarded as indicating a serious state of affairs as the exercise of the concessions in a regular manner inevitably results in grave damage to the forest.

The Chief Conservator has nothing to add to the views he has from time to time expressed on the subject of these concessions generally. Their exercise, whether abused or not, spells complete ruin to the forests and, although there would result some good from the removal of evergreen undergrowth in certain of the reserves in the south of the district, such an operation cannot be carried out in this way.

There is no doubt that the orders should be reconsidered in respect of the twenty-three reserves referred to though fair use of the concessions, as compared with their abuse, only implies that the forests where there is no abuse will exist for a little longer than the others.

The least law-abiding people are those north of Coondapoor and it is precisely here that the concessions are, and have always been, most abused. The District Forest Officer, North Mangalore, suggests that withdrawals should commence inland and work towards the sea, where the demand is heaviest, the unreserves destroyed completely, and the abuses the most intense. This suggestion appears a sound one and it is therefore recommended that, for the present, the concessions in North Mangalore be withdrawn in the case of the six ' much ' abused reserves which lie farthest from the sea, and that the Veeracumba reserve in South Mangalore be closed to the concessions.

Council Office.

14-7-1933.

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Starred Question.

Mr. U.C. Subrahmanya Bhatt.

THE DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

166. Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state--

(a) whether there are villages in South Kanara where forest concessions have been existing ~~and exist~~ without the forest village system; ~~if so, whether the Government have accepted the same,~~ what and ~~which are~~ the said concessions are and in which villages they have been existing;

(b) whether any of such concessions which the villagers have been enjoying have been withdrawn or going to be withdrawn; if so, which of the concessions are to be withdrawn and for what reasons and

(c) whether such concessions are allowed or going to be allowed in villages from which Forest Panchayats are withdrawn; if not, for what reasons?

G.R.

OM 1593 1/33-D 27.7.33

A Copy of the Starred question No 166 which Mr R Rg V. S. Subramanya Bhatt has given notice to ask at the ensuing meeting of the Leg. Council is forwarded to the CCF and he is requested to furnish the information in regard to clause (c) of the question at a very early date.

To the CCF (with a copy of)

27 AUG 1933
DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Forest DEPARTMENT.

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Legislative Council Starred Question No.166 - Concessions to the villages in which Forest Panchayats are withdrawn.

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Reference No. 6265/33-C1

Station Chepauk, Madras *Dated the* 26- 8- 1933.

From (Name) A.Wimbush Esquire, I.F.S.,
(Designation) Chief Conservator of Forests.

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,
DEVELOPMENT Department.

Sir,

Reference:-Government Memorandum No.1599-I/33-1, dated 27-7-1933.

The point raised in Clause (C) of the Legislati Council question is answered below:-

Panchayats under the Forest village system have not been withdrawn so the rest of the question does not arise.

C. Shelton 26.8
for Chief Conservator.

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69. 69. Starred question No. 166.

Mr. U.C.Subrahmanya Bhatt.

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Draft answer.

(a) Yes. The Hon'ble Member is referred to the answer given to question No. 743 asked at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on th 22nd March 1933. The concessions were extended to all the reserves in the South Kanara district

(b) The withdrawal is in respect of all the concessions. They were withdrawn because they were reported to have been much abused.

(c) Panchayats under the forest village system have not been withdrawn. The question of withdrawal does not therefore arise.

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Hon. Adjt. to G. 7-7-33

Legislative Council Question No.166 - Starred.

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Development Department.

A N S W E R.

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Fort St. George,
Dated the 5th September .

C.A. Henderson,
Secretary to Government.

To The Legislative Council Office.

The above answer has been approved by the Hon'ble Diwan Bahadur Sir M.Krishnan Nair, Kt.,

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/By Order/

Cm.6/2.

Withdrawal of forest concessions in South Kanara.

* 122. *Q.*—Mr. U. C. SUBRAHMANYA BHATT: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

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Law Dept. III-8—2,000—25-5-33.

QUESTION.—No. 166 for the meeting of the Legislative Council to be held on the 21. 7. 1933

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20.7.33

SUBMITTED that two copies of this Question may be forwarded to the Development Department.

The Question has been admitted.

U.O. No. , *dated*

To
The Dev Department.

To A.S.

Please see the L.C. question in the matter of.

Clause (a)

In 1931, the CC reported that there were only 3 forest village panchayats functioning in S. Kanara Dt. The concessions in question were extended throughout all the reserves in S Kanara Dt. vide para 10 at pp 35-36 of (W). The answer to the first portion may be "yes". The various concessions will be found in para 10 at pp 35-36 of (W). This information has already been furnished to Council vide (D). The attention of the L.C. may be drawn to this

Clause (b). The withdrawal is in respect of all the concessions. They were withdrawn as they were much abused

Clause (c)

~~The question is not very definite.~~ The CC may be asked. ~~to furnish the information~~. A Draft Qn. is submitted for approval

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In enumerating the concessions no distinction is made between villages which contain forest panchayats and those which do not. Anyhow

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To A.S.

Please see the CC's reply to clause (c) of the question. A draft answer is submitted for approval

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Please see the LC proceedings at P 6 C.
The papers may be lodged and Stitched with Go 1037 dtd 29.8.33

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Starred Question.

Mr. U.C. Subrahmanya Bhatt.

THE DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

*167. Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state-

(a) when the forests of Thodar and Hosabeth in South Kanara district were declared to be reserved;

(b) to what class did the said forest belong and what was the character and condition of the forest and the growth of trees as it were;

(c) if they were treated as fuel forests, whether they have served and do serve the purpose for which they were reserved without the expenditure thereof exceeding the profits;

(d) when the forest village system was introduced in the adjoining villages in respect to the said forests and what concessions; (e) whether the system has been withdrawn and for what reasons; and if so, whether notices of warning were given to the villagers and in what manner; and

(f) whether representations have been received from the villagers concerned and from others and what action has been taken concerning the said grievances?

G.R.

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A copy of the question
No 167 (Starred), which Mr. K.K.
U. C. Subramanya Bhatt proposes
to ask at the ensuing ~~session~~ meeting
of the Leg Council is forwarded
to the CC and he is requested
to furnish the necessary
information ~~for clause (a) to (e)~~
~~[illegible]~~ at an early date.

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To the CC (with a copy of cl).

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Legislative Council Question No. 167 - South Kanara - Todar and Hosabetta Reserved Forests.

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Ref. No. 6236/33-D1.

Station Chepauk, Madras. *Dated the* 18th August 1933

From (Name) A. Wimbush Esq., I.F.S.,
(Designation) Chief Conservator of Forests.

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Development Department.

Sir,

Refce. Government Memorandum No. 1594-I/33-1, dated 25-7-1933.

Clause (a). The Todar and Hosabettu Reserves were declared Reserved Forests from 15th December 1890 and 1st September 1888 respectively.

(b) The forests were not classified at the time of reservation. They ~~were~~ are at present in Class I. At the time of reservation the forests had been greatly devastated by kumri cultivation. The subsequent growth consists mainly of fuel species.

(c) The forests have never been worked for fuel.

Clauses (d), ~~(e) and (f)~~.

The Forest Village System was introduced in the adjoining villages in respect of these forests in 1923. The concessions granted are contained in the agreements executed by the panchayats. A copy of the agreement executed by the Panchayat of Todar is enclosed. The concessions are the same for both the panchayats.

Question (e)
~~Question (e)~~. The Forest Village System has not been withdrawn. Notices of warning of the withdrawal of the concessions were published in the District Gazette, dated 24-1-1933. In advance of the notice in the District Gazette, a copy of the notice sent to the Press was sent on 14-1-1933 to the Tahsildars and Deputy Tahsildars in the division for publication in the villages by beat of tom tom and for directing the village officers to inform each and every one in the village of the closure of the reserves to the exercise of the concessions. A copy of the notice was also sent to the Range Officer on 19-1-1933 for publication of the notice in the villages around the reserves concerned by beat of tom tom and to inform each and every one of the villagers of the closure of the reserves to the exercise of the concessions. Printed notices were also sent to the Tahsildars and the Range Officers for publication in their jurisdictions. A copy of the notice was also sent to the Secretary of the South Kanara Wargdars' Association.

Question (f)
~~Question (f)~~ No representation was received until 30-3-1933 although adequate steps had been taken through the Revenue authorities and through the Forest subordinates to make sure that every village concerned was informed at least twice of the withdrawal of the concessions as long ago as last January.

On 30-3-1933, a petition was received from the President and the four members of the Todar Forest Panchayat representing that the abolition of the concessions would cause difficulty to the ryots for getting manure leaves and dry leaves for their cultivation. On

On receipt of this petition, the Range Officer was ordered to hold in abeyance the order abolishing the concessions in this reserve until the petition had been enquired into and final orders passed. The Government in their order G.O. No. 682 Mis. Development, dated 7-6-1933 ordered the abolition of the concessions from Todar Reserve.

A petition followed on 11th April 1933, from the ryots with a covering endorsement by Mr. Saldanha; and on 1st July 1933 a further petition was presented by certain of the Hosabettu panchayat. In view of the Government orders the petitioners have been told that their requests for the reestablishment of the concessions cannot be granted,

C. Sheldon 19.8.
For Chief Conservator.

K.P.N/18-8.

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AGREEMENT made this 20th day of November 1931 between the Secretary of State for India in Council (hereinafter called the Secretary of State) of the one part and (1)Shanthiraja alias Appu Kambli (President, (2) Dharmaraja Kottari, (3) Adiraja Balipa, (4) Jinnappa Hegade and (5) J.A.Rodrigues. members of a panchayat formed for the purposes hereinafter mentioned being residents in the villages specified against their names in the Karkal taluk, North Mangalore division (hereinafter called the Panchayat) of the other part.

WHEREAS the Government of Madras desire to enlist the co-operation of the villagers in the Conservation of Forest Reserves which remain under departmental control and have agreed with the Panchayat in consideration of its assistance against fire and other damages in Todar Reserved Forest in the Mangalore Range as specified in the schedule attached and delineated in the plan hereto annexed to give the Panchayat the following concessions:-

1. This agreement shall be in force from the 1st day of July 1932 till the 30th June 1933.

2. Provided nevertheless that it may be renewed for a further period of one year on the application therefor by the Panchayat to the District Forest Officer, North Mangalore division for the time being and his agreeing thereto.

2. The Panchayat shall work under the orders of the District Forest Officer of the North Mangalore division for the time being.

3. The said District Forest Officer shall have the power to remove any Panchayatdar whose conduct makes him in the said District Forest Officer's opinion unfit to remain in office. There is no appeal against the orders of the said District Forest Officer.

4. The panchayat will ensure that the concession of clearing undergrowth, i.e., growth or unreserved and unclassified species not above 6 feet in height to a distance of half a

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mile from the limits of private holdings and removal of green manure leaf from unreserved and unclassified species and removal of dead fuel, i.e., parts of dead trees less than 3" in diameter and dry leaf and thorns in the reserve is used to the best advantage of the village community and to this end the Panchayat shall:-

(i) prevent wilful damage to the standing gree growth in the reserve.

(ii) prevent fires and clear and fire trace the exterior lines of the reserve at its own cost by 31-1-33.

iii) prevent quarrying and removal of minor forest produce (except by Government contractors or agents acting under the orders of the District Forest Officer)

(iv) prevent the cutting of trees and plucking of green leaves from reserved and classified trees for manure, or for any other purposes.

(v) carry out all orders issued to them by the District Forest Officer or by the Range Officer.

(vi) keep a list of the names of the co-opted panchayatdars whose names should be communicated by the Panchayat tothe said District Forest Officer.

5. The Panchayat shall have the power

(i) to regulate the collection and removal of dead wood. dry leaves and green manure leaf of unreserved and unclassified species and cutting and taking of thorns for domestic or agricultural purposes;

(ii) to exclude the cattle of any person who recklessly or mischivously sets fire or otherwise causes damage to the areas or who removes tree growth or who disobeys the orders issued by the Panchayat in exercise of the powers conferred upon it or who fails to assist the panchayat in carrying out any of the duties assigned to it.

(iii) to impound the cattle which graze without permits.

(iv) to report to the District Forest Officer any offences for which prosecution is desired and when it is of opinion that the offences may be compounded to suggest the amount of composition that may be accepted, and

(v) clear and fire trace the exterior lines of the reserv at its own cost by 31st January 1933.

6. If the panchayat protects the reserve to the satisfaction of the Conservator of Sixth Circle for the time being of the Circle, it shall be eligible after 30th June 1933 to the refund of half of the grazing revenue collected therein

7. If the panchayat fails to protect the reserve to the satisfaction of the Conservator or to co-operate with the Forest Department, the said District Forest Officer may, with the approval of the said Conservator, terminate the agreement and dissolve the Panchayat at any time before the expiry of the term of this agreement and may withdraw the concessions granted and thereupon the said Conservator may direct the closure to grazing of all or any part of the reserve and may cancel all or any of the permits issued to the villagers.

8. Should a vacancy occur in the panchayat by reason of death of resignation of any of the persons specified above or from any other cause, the vacancy shall be filled by the panchayat subject to the approval of the District Forest officer from among the co-opted panchayatdars, a list of whose names should be maintained by the Panchayat.

9. The area under panchayat may be inspected by any officer of the Forest department, but no orders will be issued to the Panchayat except by the District Forest Officer, or the Range officer.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the District Forest Officer by order and direction of His Excellency the Governor of Fort Saint George in Council acting for and on behalf of the Secretary of State and the undermentioned members of the Panchayat have hereunto set their hands the day and

year

year first above written.

Schedule referred to above.

Name of the block	Name of the village.	Taluk	District	Extent acres.
Todar	Todar	Karkal	S.Kanara	401-30

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3. Sd. Adiraja Balipa
4. Sd. Jinnappa Hegade
5. Sd. J.A.Rodrigues.

(Sd)M.V. Laurie,

District Forest Officer,
North Mangalore.

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Development Department.

L.C.Question No.167 (starred)

Mr.V.C. Subramanya Bhatt

Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state

(a) when the forests of Todar and Hosabettu in S. Kanara District were declared to be reserved;

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(d) when the forest village system was introduced in the adjoining villages in respect to the said forests and under what concessions;

(e) whether the system has been withdrawn and for what reasons; and, if so, whether notices of warning were given to the villagers and in what manner; and

Draft answer.

(a) They were declared reserved forests from 15-12-1890 and 1-9-1893 respectively.

(b) The forests were not classified at the time of reservation. They are at present in class I. At the time of reservation the forests had been greatly devastated by kumri cultivation. The subsequent growth consists mainly of fuel species.

(c) The forests have never been worked for fuel.

(d) The forest village system was introduced in the adjoining villages in respect of these forests in 1923. The concessions granted are contained in the agreements executed by the panchayats. A copy of the agreement executed by the Panchayat of Todar is appended. The concessions are the same for both the panchayats.

(e) The forest village system has not been withdrawn but certain concessions granted to the Panchayats were withdrawn after adequate notice by publication in the District gazette and by beat of tom tom in the villages concerned.

The Range officer was also directed to inform all the villagers of the withdrawal

(f) whether representations have been received from the villagers concerned and from others and what action has been taken concerning the said grievances.

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Legislative Council Question No.167 - Starred.

Mr. U.C. Subramanya Bhatt.

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Fort St.George,
Dated the 18th September 33.

C.A. Henderson,
Secretary to Government

To

The Legislative Council Office.

The above answer has been approved by the Hon'ble Diwan Bahadur Sir M.Krishnan Nair Kt.

Forwarded
/By Order/

T.Ramanatha Ayya
Superintendent.

4 /Appendix.-

Cm.18/9.

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(Sd.) M.V.Laurie,
District Forest Officer, N.Mangalore.

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(*c*) The forests have never been worked for fuel.

(*d*) The forest village system was introduced in the adjoining villages in respect of these forests in 1923. The concessions granted are contained in the agreements executed by the panchayats. A copy of the agreement executed by the panchayat of Todar is appended. The concessions are the same for both the panchayats.

(*e*) The forest village system has not been withdrawn but certain concessions granted to the panchayats were withdrawn after adequate notice by publication in the District Gazette and by beat of tom-tom in the villages concerned. The Range Officer was also directed to inform all the villagers of the withdrawal of the concessions.

(*f*) No representation was received until 30th March 1933 although adequate steps had been taken to make sure that every village concerned was informed at least twice of the withdrawal of the concessions as long ago as last January.

Mr. U. C. SUBRAHMANYA BHATT:—"With reference to clause (*f*), may I know as to whether any representations have been made to the Forest Officer?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"Representations have been made to the Government."

Mr. U. C. SUBRAHMANYA BHATT:—"Then why does the answer say that no representation has been received at all?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"No representation was received by anybody till that date; after that, representations were received by Government."

Mr. A. B. SHETTY:—"May I know whether the resolution passed by the meeting called by the South Kanara District Landholders' Association was not communicated to Government before 30th March 1933?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"Government received no communication or representation on that subject before that date."

APPENDIX II.

[Vide answer to question No. 120 asked by Mr. U. C. Subrahmanya Bhatt at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 30th October 1933, page 27 supra.]

AGREEMENT made this 20th day of November 1931 between the Secretary of State for India in Council (hereinafter called the Secretary of State) of the one part and (1) Shanthiraja alias Appu Kambli, president, (2) Dharmaraja Kottari, (3) Adiraja Balipa, (4) Jinnappa Hegade and (5) J. A. Rodrigues, members of a panchayat formed for the purposes hereinafter mentioned, being residents in the villages specified against their names in the Karkal taluk, North Mangalore division (hereinafter called the panchayat), of the other part.

WHEREAS the Government of Madras desire to enlist the co-operation of the villagers in the conservation of forest reserves which remain under departmental control and have agreed with the panchayat in consideration of its assistance against fire and other damage in Todar

attached and delineated in the plan hereto annexed to give the Panchayat the following concessions:—

1. This agreement shall be in force from the 1st day of July 1932 till the 30th June 1933.

Provided nevertheless that it may be renewed for a further period of one year on the application therefor by the panchayat to the District Forest Officer, North Mangalore division, for the time being and his agreeing thereto

2. The panchayat shall work under the orders of the District Forest Officer of the North Mangalore division for the time being.

3. The said District Forest Officer shall have the power to remove any panchayatdar whose conduct makes him in the said District Forest Officer's opinion unfit to remain in office. There is no appeal against the orders of the said District Forest Officer.

4. The panchayat will ensure that the concession of clearing undergrowth, i.e., growth of unreserved and unclassified species not above 6 feet in height to a distance of half a mile from the limits of private holding and removal of green manure leaf from unreserved and unclassified species and removal of dead fuel, i.e., parts of dead trees less than 3 inches in diameter and dry leaf and thorns in the reserve is used to the best advantage of the village community and to this end the panchayat shall—

(i) prevent wilful damage to the standing green growth in the reserve;

(ii) prevent fires and clear and fire trace the exterior lines of the reserve at its own cost by 31st January 1933;

(iii) prevent quarrying and removal of minor forest produce (except by Government contractors or agents acting under the orders of the District Forest Officer);

(iv) prevent the cutting of trees and plucking of green leaves from reserved and classified trees for manure, or for any other purposes;

(v) carry out all orders issued to them by the District Forest Officer or by the Range Officer; and

(vi) keep a list of the names of the co-opted panchayatdars whose names should be communicated by the panchayat to the said District Forest Officer.

5. The panchayat shall have the power—

(i) to regulate the collection and removal of dead wood, dry leaves and green manure leaf of unreserved and unclassified species and cutting and taking of thorns for domestic or agricultural purposes;

ii) to exclude the cattle of any person who recklessly or mischievously sets fire or otherwise causes damage to the areas or who removes tree growth or who disobeys the orders issued by the panchayat in exercise of the powers conferred upon it or who fails to assist the panchayat in carrying out any of the duties assigned to it;

(iii) to impound the cattle which graze without permits;

(iv) to report to the District Forest Officer any offences for which prosecution is desired and when it is of opinion that the offences may be compounded, to suggest the amount of composition that may be accepted; and

(v) to clear and fire-trace the exterior lines of the reserve at its own cost by 31st January 1933.

6. If the panchayat protects the reserve to the satisfaction of the Conservator of Sixth Circle for the time being of the circle, it shall be eligible after 30th June 1933 to the refund of half of the grazing revenue collected therein.

7. If the panchayat fails to protect the reserve to the satisfaction of the Conservator or to co-operate with the Forest department, the said District Forest Officer may, with the approval of the said Conservator, terminate the agreement and dissolve the panchayat at any time before the expiry of the term of this agreement and may withdraw the concessions granted and thereupon the said Conservator may direct the closure to grazing of all or any part of the reserve and may cancel all or any of the permits issued to the villagers.

8. Should a vacancy occur in the panchayat by reason of death or resignation of any of the persons specified above or from any other cause, the vacancy shall be filled by the panchayat subject to the approval of the District Forest Officer from among the co-opted panchayatdars, a list of whose names should be maintained by the panchayat.

9. The area under panchayat may be inspected by any officer of the Forest department, but no orders will be issued to the panchayat except by the District Forest Officer, or the Range Officer.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the District Forest Officer by order and direction of His Excellency the Governor of Fort St. George in Council acting for and on behalf of the Secretary of State and the undermentioned members of the panchayat have hereunto set their hands the day and year first above written.

Schedule referred to above.

Name of the block.	Name of the village.	Taluk.	District.	Extent.
				ACS.
Todar	Todar	Karkal ..	South Kanara.	401·30

1 (Signed) Shanthiraja alias Appu Kambli.
2 (,,) Dharmaraja Kottari.
3 (,,) Adiraja Balipa.
4 (,,) Jinnappa Hegade.
5 (,,) J. A. Rodrigues.

(Signed) M. V. LAURIE,
District Forest Officer, North Mangalore.

QUESTION.—No. 167

for the meeting of the Legislative Council to be held on the 31. 7. 1933

20 JUL 1933

SUBMITTED that two copies of this Question may be forwarded to the Development Department

The Question has been admitted.

27/7

U.O. No. , *dated*

R.V.K
8.7

To
The Dev Department.

(2nd copy)

TO A.S

Please see the Leg in the cf. The CE may be requested to furnish the information. ~~for ... except (1)~~ A draft one is submitted for approval'

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(Included in Draft)

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Let [Issued as one 1594 T/33.] to the CE. 25-7-33

RR 3-94 [No 1938 T/33. from the CE Dn 18.8.33]

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FOR S

Please see the CC's reply in the c/f.

Draft answer is submitted for approval.

Attention is invited to clause (e) & (f) of the question and the CC's remarks thereon.

Clause (e) is as follows

whether the System has been withdrawn and for what reasons and if so whether notices of warning were given to the villagers and in what manner.

ie CC states that the forest village System has not been withdrawn and then refers to the notice of warning of the withdrawal of the Khanas forest concessions. ~~which is irrelevant to the answer to question. the Hon'ble Minister~~ ~~has in view the last village System as~~ ~~his expectation. If this be the intention~~

The answer to clause (e) may be No and to (f) the question does not arise

True, the question refers to the withdrawal of the System of Panchayats. The negative answer will no doubt be technically correct. The intention of the questioner is however clear. I would say "No" but add "but the concessions were withdrawn after publication of notice appearing in the DP Gazette" etc as in the CC's draft answer.

Then clause (f) may also be answered as suggested by the CC

for orders

RR
28.8.53

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What is the effect of withdrawal of the Concession.

Does not the Panchayat Cease to have any function or privileges on the withdrawal of the Concession

RR
28.8.33

TOA.S.

A Copy of the agreement executed by the Todar Panchayat will be found at pp 6-9 cf. It will be seen therefrom that the duties and privileges of the panchayat were as follows:-

(1) The Panchayat shall allow the clearance of undergrowth of green manure leaf pon increase and unclassified species, of dead fuel and of dry leaf and thorns in the reserve;

(2) The Panchayat Shall exclude the Cattle of any person who recklessly or mischevously set fire or otherwise Causes damage to the forest.

(3) The Panchayat Shall impound the Cattle which graze without permits and shall report offences to the D.F.O.

(4) The Panchayat Shall clear and fire trace

the exterior lines of the reserve at its own cost:

(5) If the Panchayat discharges its duties satisfactorily it shall be eligible for:

a refund of half the grazing revenue collected from the CC's office that

It has been ascertained the effect of the withdrawal of the concessions will be that the panchayats would be left only with the following privileges:

1) They can allow grazing in the Reserves.

2) They should maintain and foretrace the limits of the reserves.

3) They will be eligible for the refund of half the grazing fee according to the degree of protection afforded to the forests.

Thus the panchayats will practically become grazing panchayats.

~~As a result~~ of the withdrawal of the general Concession the panchayats do not cease to function but they will still continue to exercise the above limited functions.

It is further understood from the CC's office that Todar & Kosabetta Panchayats have refused to renew their agreement from this year forward.

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Vide
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The answer to (e) may perhaps be :— The forest village system has not been withdrawn but certain

Concessions have been withdrawn after
negotiate notice etc. etc. & to (f)
As suggested by C.C.T.

To H.S.

A revised answer is submitted for
approval

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Please see the L.C. proceedings at p179
No action is called for and the papers
may be (loose and) stitched with Go 10372 dew d) 29.8.33

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Council Office
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STARRED QUESTION

Mr.U.C.Subrahmanya Bhatt

THE DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

*171. Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state-

(a) ~~whether~~ what the peculiar privileges ~~xxx~~ which had been conceded to the cultivators of South Kanara in respect to their neighbouring reserve forests were and ~~since~~ when they had been granted;

(b) whether all or any such privileges have been taken away now; if so, which are the privileges taken away;

(c) in what villages of South Kanara the forest village system with panchayats was existing at the close of the financial year 1932-33, and ~~how did that system work at the~~ close of the years 1930-31 and 1931-32 and 1932-33 in the several villages in the South Kanara district in which it has been introduced;

(d) whether the forest panchayats under the forest village system with the concessions have been now withdrawn in any of the villages of South Kanara, and if so, in which and for what reasons; and after what previous notices of warning duly published in local papers and communicated to the villages; and

(e) whether it is a fact that the forest village system worked satisfactorily till the close of the year 1931-32 in Mangalore division north and if so the reason therefor.

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om 16037/33-IV 26.7.39.

A copy of Leg No 171 (Starred) which Mr V. C. Subramanya Bhatt proposes to ask in the ensuing meeting of the Leg. Council is forwarded to the CCF who is requested to furnish the necessary information in regard to clauses (b), (c) of the question at an early date.

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To the CCF (with a copy of question)

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FOREST DEPARTMENT.

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Legislative Council Question No. 171 (Starred) - withdrawal of general concessions from the panchayats under the Forest Village System.

ENCLOSURES.
No.
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Ref. No. 6226/33-C1.

Station Madras *Dated the* 22nd August 1933. 19

From (Name) A. Wimbush Esq., I.F.S.,
(Designation) Chief Conservator of Forests.

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras
Development Department

Sir

Ref: Government Memorandum No. 1603-I/33-1, dated 26th July 1933.

The points raised in the Legislative Council Question are answered below:-

Clause (b). The Forest Village System was in vogue at the end of the financial year 1932-33 in the villages adjoining the following Reserves in the North Mangalore Division:-

(1) Todar
(2) Hosabettu
(3) Tenkahola

Clause (c). The forest panchayats under the

Forest Village System have not been withdrawn. The general concessions exercised by the Todar and the Hosabettu panchayats have, however, been withdrawn in the interests of the forests since cutting and lopping must result in serious damage - vide this office Reference No. 8743/C1, dated 6-10-1932 disposed of in Government Memorandum No.2765-I/32-1, dated 29-11-1932.

The notice of withdrawal was published in the South Kanara District Gazette dated 24th January 1933. A copy of the notice was also sent to the Tahsildars, Deputy Tahsildars and the Range Officers for being widely published. A copy of the notice was also sent to the Secretary, South Kanara Wargdar's Association.

for Chief Conservator.

ks.23.8.33.

RECEIVED
23 AUG 1933

Development department.

O.M.No. 1603 I/33-2, dated 4/7/33.

Letter from the C.C.F., Ref. No 6226/33-C1, dated 22-8-1933 - Legve. Council question No. 171.

In paragraph 57 of the Administration report of the Forest department for 1931-32 it was stated that the three forest panchayats in the North Mangalore division were reported to have discharged their duties satisfactorily. But in his letter read above the Chief Conservator has stated that the general concessions exercised by the Todar and Hosabettu panchayats have been withdrawn in the interests of the forests ' since cutting and lopping must result in serious damage'. If the panchayats have been discharging their duties satisfactorily there was no need to have withdrawn the concessions. The two statements referred to above appear to be contradictory. The Chief Conservator is requested to

reconcile them.

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To the Chief Conservator of Forests.

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Forests - South Kanara - withdrawal of concessions.

ENCLOSURES.
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Ref. No. 6226/33.C1.

Station Madras *Dated the* 18th September 1933

From (Name) A. Wimbush Esq., I.F.S.
(Designation) Chief Conservator of Forests.

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Development Department.

Sir,

Ref: Government Memorandum No. 1603-I/33,2 dated 4-9-1933.

Not printed

The annual report on the working of the Forest Village System Panchayats in North Mangalore for 1932-33 shows that they did abuse the concessions and did not work satisfactorily. Incidentally, the lopping that was carried on under the general concessions was a dangerous practice and detrimental to the forest, especially where sandal exists, as in the Todar and Hosabettu Reserves. There is no inconsistency between the two statements referred to in the Government Memorandum.

DESPATCHED
22 SEP 1933

for Chief Conservator.

ks. 18.9.33.

Development Dept.

Legislative Council Question No.171

Mr.V.C.Subramanya Bhatt.

Draft answer.

Will the Hon'ble the Law Member be pleased to state

(a) what the peculiar privileges which had been conceded to the cultivators of South Kanara in respect ~~of~~ to their neighbouring reserved forests were and when they had been granted;

(a) The Hon'ble Member's attention is invited to the answer to clauses (a) and (b) of question No.743 ~~dated~~ answered on 22-3-33.

The concessions were granted in 1922.

(b) In what villages of South Kanara the forest village system with panchayats was existing at the close of the financial year 1932-33;

(b) (1) Todar.
(2) Hosabettu.
(3) Tenkahola.

(c) whether the forest panchayats under the forest village system with the concessions have been now withdrawn in any of the villages of South Kanara, and, if so, in which and for what reasons, and after what previous notices of warning duly published in local papers and communicated to the villages.

(c) The forest panchayats under the Forest village system have not been withdrawn. The general concessions exercised by the Todar and the Hosabettu panchayats have, however been withdrawn in the interests of the forests since cutting and lopping must result in serious damage. The notice of withdrawal was published in the South Kanara District Gazette dated 24th January 1933. A copy of the notice was also sent to the Tahsildars, Deputy Tahsildars and Range officers for ~~posting~~ wide ~~ty~~ published ~~.~~ when. A copy of the notice was also sent to the Secretary, South Kanara Wargdars' Association.

(d) whether it is a fact that the forest village system worked satisfactorily till the close of the year 1931-32 in the North Mangalore Division?

(d) Yes.

Legislative Council Question No. 171 (Starred).

Mr. U.C. Subramanya Bhatt.

Will the Hon'ble the Law Member be pleased to state :-

(a) what the peculiar privileges which had been conceded to the cultivators ~~cultivation~~ of South Kanara in respect to their neighbouring reserved forests were and when they had been granted;

(b) In what villages of South Kanara the forest village system with panchayats was existing at the close of the financial year 1932-33;

(c) whether the forest panchayats under the forest village system with the concessions have been now withdrawn in any of the villages of South Kanara, and, if so, in which and for what reasons, and after what previous notices of warning duly published in local papers and communicated to the villages;

(d) whether it is a fact that the forest village system worked satisfactorily till the close of the year 1931-32 in the North Mangalore Division?

Development Department.

A N S W E R.

(a) The Hon'ble Member's attention is invited to the answer to clauses (a) and (b) of Question No. 743 answered on 22nd March 1933;

The concessions were granted in 1922.

(b) (1) Todar.
(2) Hosabettu.
(3) Tenkahola.

(c) The forest panchayats under the Forest village system have not been withdrawn. The general concessions exercised by the Todar and the Hosabettu panchayats have, however, been withdrawn in the interests of the forests since cutting and lopping must result in serious damage. The notice of withdrawal was published in the South Kanara District Gazette dated 24th January 1933. A copy of the notice was also sent to the Tahsildars, Deputy Tahsildars and Range Officers for wide publication. A copy of the notice was also sent to the Secretary, South Kanara Wargdars' Association.

(d) Yes.

C.A. Henderson.
Secretary to Government.

To the Legislative Council Office.
Dated, the 30th September 1933.

(The above answer has been approved by the Hon'ble Diwan Bahadur Sir M. Krishnan Nair, Kt.)

F o r w a r d e d.
(By Order)

K. Ramanatha Ayya
Superintendent.

DNI.

Withdrawal of forest concessions in South Kanara.

* 370 *Q.*—Mr. U. C. SUBRAHMANYA BHATT: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) what the peculiar privileges which had been conceded to the cultivators of South Kanara in respect of their neighbouring reserve forests were and when they had been granted;

(*b*) in what villages of South Kanara the forest village system with panchayats was existing at the close of the financial year 1932–33;

(*c*) whether the forest panchayats under the forest village system with the concessions have been now withdrawn in any of the villages of South Kanara, and, if so, in which and for what reasons; and after what previous notices of warning duly published in local papers and communicated to the villages; and

(*d*) whether it is a fact that the forest village system worked satisfactorily till the close of the year 1931–32 in the North Mangalore division?

A.—(*a*) The hon. Member's attention is invited to the answer to clauses (*a*) and (*b*) of question No. 743 answered on 22nd March 1933.

The concessions were granted in 1922.

(*b*) (1) Todar.
(2) Hosabettu.
(3) Tenkahola.

(*c*) The forest panchayats under the forest village system have not been withdrawn. The general concessions exercised by the Todar and the Hosabettu panchayats have, however, been withdrawn in the interests of the forests since cutting and lopping must result in serious damage. The notice of withdrawal was published in the *South Kanara District Gazette*, dated 24th January 1933. A copy of the notice was also sent to the Tahsildars, Deputy Tahsildars and Range officers for wide publication. A copy of the notice was also sent to the Secretary, South Kanara Wargdars' Association.

(*d*) Yes.

Mr. A. B. SHETTY:—" May I ask how the Government propose to meet the needs of the ryots who have been depending upon the reserved forests for the supply of manure leaves for cultivation? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—" They themselves have to be blamed for having abused the privileges."

24.7.33

Law Dept. III-8—2,000—25-5-33.

QUESTION.—No. 171 for the meeting of the Legislative Council to be held on the 31.7.1933

SUBMITTED that two copies of this Question may be forwarded to the Rev Department.

The Question has been admitted.

Dy 19/7

U.O. No. , *dated*

R.V.L
19.7

To
The Rev Department.

(2nd copy)
Dy Secretary
Legislative

To H.S

Please see clause (a) of the Leg in ct. Attention is invited to the answer given to Mr A B Shetty's question no 924. - the particulars of the various concessions will be found thereat. The Hon member may be referred to that answer. The concessions have been existing since 1922

Clause (b). ~~(c) (d)~~ ~~The Govt may be requested to furnish the information. A draft on is submitted for approval~~

TM
21.7.33

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Writing on 4-12-31 the C.C.F. said "Three of the old panchayats (Todar, Tenkahola and "Hosabettu) agreed to the new condition and their "agreements were renewed. Since then the three "panchayats have renewed their agreements every year. "These are the only three panchayats now functioning "in the South Kanara District".

As the M.L.C. wants the number in existence on 31-3-1933 the C.C.F. may be asked.

Clause (c). The information may be called for from the C.C.F.

Clause (d). The last six words of the clause are not clear and may, therefore, be omitted.

Reference is solicited to para.57 at page 11 of the administration report for 1931-32. The answer to the clause may be 'Yes'.

A draft O.M. is submitted for approval

S.A.R.
25-7-33.

R.R.
25-7-33.

C.A.H.
26-7-1933.

Issued as O.M. No.1603-I/33-1 dated 26-7-33 to C.C.F. C.No.1969-I/33. From the C.C.F. dated 22-8-1933.

To A.S.

Please see the C.C's reply at pp.3-4 c.f. A draft answer is submitted for approval. With reference to portion marked 'A' at above the file may go to L.C. office before circulation.

T.S.R.
26-8-33.

S.A.R.
29-8-33.

Perhaps the C.C. may be asked to explain the statement in the administration report that the panchayats were working satisfactorily in 1931-32.

The answer to clause (c) and the statement in the report are on the face of it contradictory.

R.R.
30-8-33.

Yes. Ask him how those statements can be reconciled.

C.A.H.
30-8-33.

To A.S.

A draft O.M. to the C.C.F. is submitted for approval.

T.S.R.
1-9-33

S.A.R.
4-9-193

Issue.

R.R.
4-9-33.

Issued as om 1603/33-1 to the CCF dt 4.9.33 M.5-6 ct

CRO 2248/11/33 from the CCF dt 18-9-33 17 ct

To A.S.-

Please see the om to the CE at pp. 5-6 c/ and the CE's reply thereon. It is now stated that the annual report on the working of the Forest Village system Panchayats in North Mangalore for 1932-33 showed that the concessions were abused and that the panchayats did not work satisfactorily. Apparently there has been a determination in the working of the Panchayats ~~for~~ in 1932-33. In the circumstances

Reply is not yet received here.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY TO
6 OCT 1933
THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

explained by the CC for orders whether the draft answers already submitted will be approved.

The CC's reasons do not carry conviction.

TM 26.9.33. Jair 28/9/33

RK 28/9/33 S.

We have not yet received the report for 1932-33, which apparently will show that the working of these panchayats was not satisfactory.

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H. M. C. 2 : Draft answers approved. 29.9.33.

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Cir. 29.9.33
RD 29.9.33

To A.S.

The file may be sent to L.C.O with reference to portion marked A at L 2 supra

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L.C.O.

D 1603 T/33.3
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2129/33 L.C
7-10-33

Copy of letter from the Secretary, Legislative Council Madras, to M.R.Ry. U.C. Subrahmanya Bhatt Avl., M.L.C., D.O. No. 2129/33-1 L.C. dated 11-10-33.

I am directed to request you to make the meaning of the last six words of clause (d) of your question No. 171 (copy enclosed) clear as otherwise they are liable to be omitted.

The M.L.C's reply to the above D.O. is submitted below. He has no objection to have the words deleted.

A copy of his letter may be sent to the Development Dept.

N.T.
1-11-33

D.K.V.
1-11-33

R.V.K.
1-11-33.

Copy of letter from Mr. U.C. Subrahmanya Bhatt, M.L.C., to the Secretary, Legislative Council, Madras, dated 1-11-1933.

With reference to your D.O. No. 2129-33-1 L.C. dated 11-10-33 I have the honour to state that I have no objeccion to have the last 6 words deleted though my idea was to get a comparative idea of the working of the forest village system before end after the concessions were withdrawn.

Council office

The file may now be returned to Development dept.

2-11-33.

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Dev. (A.O.)

D) 26661/33
3-11-33
Conf. 2129/33-2.

3-11-33.

Has the answer been despatched to the member, Development dept.

RL
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ASSISTANT SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
2-NOV 1933
DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

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To Secy

Please see the ne proceedings at p11 cf. no
action is called for and the papers may be wiped
Attached worth fo 1037 dew dj 29.8.33

Go via and pls

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25 JUL 1933
DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

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From

B. Thimmannacharaya,
Land-lord,
Brahmavar,
South Kanara.

To

The Honourable the Law Member
to the Government of Madras,
Fort St. George,
M A D R A S.

S i r,

a general meeting of the villagers of Kergal, Nandanavan, Kambadakone, Heranjalu, Kirimanjeshara, Uppunda, Bijur, etc., assembled at Nayakanakatte on the 11th of July 1933, the villagers thereof, after passing certain resolutions setting forth their grievances in respect of the recent notification by the District Forest Officer, North Mangalore, in the District Gazette of 24th January 1933, have authorised and instructed me, as their elected President, to submit a copy of the proceedings to you for kind consideration. The copy is herewith enclosed.

The Proceedings No. 560 dated 16- 12- 1932 of the Chief Conservator of Forests, Madras, published in the above notification, entails serious suffering to those villagers as it seeks to deprive them of the use of the only forest on the waste products of which the cultivation of vast fields in those villages depends.

Favour of early action is solicited.

I beg to remain,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Mangalore,
20th July, 1933.

Enclosures:-

Copy of English Proceedings
Copy of Canarese Proceedings

Proceedings of the General Body Meeting held on 11- 7- 1933 Naikanakatte of No. 9 Kergal Village of Kundapur Taluk, of the occupants of Keragal, Nandanavana, Kambadakone, Heranjalu, Kinnimanjeshwar, Uppunda, Bijur and other villages.

Present:- Koderi Narayana Karantha and others, in all 305 persons.

1. Proposed by Naikanakatte Krishna Bhatta and seconded by Kederi Narayana Karantha, that M.R.Ry. Brahmavar Timmannacharya be elected to be the president of the meeting he being a wargdar of the locality and having experience of the same. He was unanimously elected as president.

2. Read notice published by the Forest Officer in South Kanara Gazette of 11- 1- 1933 about the proceedings of the Conservator of Forests, Madras, dated 16- 12- 1932 No. 569, that the concessions granted to the public to remove forest produce from reserve forests have been cancelled. The people of this locality have been from time immemorial bringing fire-wood, manure leaves and other forest produce for their daily agricultural and domestic purposes from Kursi-gudde. Guruvanakote and other adjoining reserve forests. Recently the Government has converted the forests into reserve forests ostensibly for the purpose of helping the public and has been obstructing step by step the use of such reserve forests by the public. The people through their reoresentatives in Council agitated in regard to the same and the former Chief Conservator who knew very well the difficulties of ryots here had given free permission to bring green manure leaves, dried leaves, thorn, brushwood and other forest produce from all trees except classified trees. The present Chief Conservator has, however, without enquiry has entirely cancelled all the aforesaid rights.

3. The meeting with great sorrow condemns the aforesaid notification cancelling the concessions as the same not only caused great hardship to cultivation but even the fire-wood required by people for their daily use has been made unavailable. When on account of the great distress the price of food-stuffs have gone down and people are experiencing great difficulties even in the proper and timely payment of assessment due to the Government, this order is sure to discourage all cultivation, and there is even the danger of lands going fallow. The notification which prohibits the people for taking the forest produce from which the Government gets not a single pie and which gets destroyed in the forest is really very hard which no civilised Government ought to support.

4. This meeting regrets that the District Collector has not passed any orders till now either in the proceedings of the people of Baindur locality that sent to him or on the representations of the deputation that waited on the Collector when he came to Baindur.

5. The meeting feels that this notification will surely give rise to a lot of ill-feeling between the Government and the people and result also in unnecessary agitation and reprisals and hence the meeting humbly prays that the local Government may be pleased immediately to cancel the notification and make the forest produce available to people as before.

6. The President of this meeting is hereby authorised to send copies of the proceedings of this meeting to the District Collector, the District Forest Officer, the Chief Conservator and Conservator of Forests, the Honourable the Law Member to the Government of Madras, the President of the South Kanara Landholders' Association and also the Legislative Council Members representing the district and to all the papers

of the district.

Naikanakatte,
Dated 11- 7- 1933

(Sd). Timmannacharya,
President.

ಸನ್ 1933ನೇ ಇಸವಿ ಜುಲ್ಯಾ ತಾರೀಕು 11ರಲ್ಲು ಕುಂದಾಪುರ ತಾಲೂಕು ನಂಬ್ರ 9ನೇ ಕೆರಗಾಲ್ ಗ್ರಾಮದ ನಾಯ್ಕನಕಟ್ಟೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಕೂಡಿದ—ಕೆರಗಾಲ್, ನಂದನವನ, ಕಂಭದಕೋಣೆ, ಹೇರಂಜಾಲು, ಕಿರಿಮಂಜೇಶ್ವರ, ಉಪ್ಪುಂದ, ಬಿಜೂರು ವಗೈರೆ ಗ್ರಾಮಸ್ಥರ ಮಹಾ ಸಭೆಯ ಪ್ರೊಸಿಡಿಂಗ್ಸು—

ಹಾಜರು:—ಕೊಡೇರಿ ನಾರಾಯಣ ಕಾರಂತರು ವಗೈರೆ 305 ಜನರು.

1. ಈ ಸಭೆಗೆ ಮಾ। ರಾ। ಬ್ರಹ್ಮಾವರ ತಿಮ್ಮಣ್ಣಾಚಾರ್ಯರನ್ನು ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರಾಗಬೇಕೆಂದೂ ಅವರು ಈ ಪ್ರಾಂತ್ಯದಲ್ಲಿ ಆಸ್ತಿ ಇರುವ ವರ್ಗದಾರರಾಗಿದ್ದು ಇಲ್ಲಿಯ ಅನುಭವವೆಲ್ಲಾ ಅವರಿಗೆ ಚೆನ್ನಾಗಿರುವದರಿಂದ ಅವರೆ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರಾಗುವದಗತ್ಯವೆಂದೂ, ಮಾ। ರಾ। ನಾಯ್ಕನಕಟ್ಟೆ ಕೃಷ್ಣ ಭಟ್ಟರ ಸೂಚನೆಯನ್ನು ಮಾ। ರಾ। ಕೊಡೇರಿ ನಾರಾಯಣ ಕಾರಂತರು ಅನುಮೋದಿಸಿದ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ಸರ್ವಾನುಮತದಿಂದ ಸದರಿ ತಿಮ್ಮಣ್ಣಾಚಾರ್ಯರನ್ನು ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರನ್ನಾಗಿ ಚುನಾಯಿಸಲಾಯಿತು.

2. ಈ ಕರಾವಳಿ ಪ್ರಾಂತ್ಯದ ಜನರು ತಮ್ಮ ಗೃಹ್ಯಕ ಮತ್ತು ವ್ಯಾವಸಾಯಕ ಉಪಯೋಗದ ಬಗ್ಯೆ ಪ್ರತಿನಿತ್ಯ ಸಮೀಪ ವಿರುವ ಕೂರ್ಸಿಗುಡ್ಡೆ, ಗುರುವನಕೋಟೆ ವಗೈರೆ ರಿಜರ್ವ ಕಾಡುಗಳಿಂದ ಅನಾದಿಕಾಲದಿಂದ ಕಟ್ಟಿಗೆ, ಹಸಿಸೊಪ್ಪು, ತರಗೆಲೆ, (ದರಳೆ) ಗುಟ್ಟ—ಬಳೆ, ಮುಳ್ಳು ವಗೈರೆ ಸಾಹಿತ್ಯಗಳನ್ನು ತಂದು—ನಿರಾತಂಕವಾಗಿ ತಮ್ಮ ನಿತ್ಯ ವ್ಯವಹಾರವನ್ನೂ ವ್ಯಯಸಾಯವೃತ್ತಿಯನ್ನೂ ಸಾಗಿಸಿಕೊಂಡು ಬರುತ್ತಿರುವಲ್ಲಿ, ಇತ್ತಲಾಗೆ ಸರಕಾರದರು ಜನರ ಹಿತಾರ್ಥವೆಂತಲೇ ಕಾಡುಗಳನ್ನು ರಿಜರ್ವಮಾಡಿ, ಕ್ರಮಕ್ರಮವಾಗಿ ಜನರಿಗೆ ರಿಜರ್ವ ಕಾಡಿನಿಂದ ಉಪಯುಕ್ತವಾದ ಸಾಹಿತ್ಯಗಳನ್ನೇ ಕೊಂಡುಹೋಗದಂತೆ ಆತಂಕಪಡಿಸಿದ್ದಕ್ಕೆ ಜನರ ಕಡೆಯಿಂದ ಈಗ ಅನೇಕ ವರ್ಷಗಳಿಂದ ಕೌನ್ಸಿಲಿನ ಮೂಲಕ ಚಳವಳಿ ನಡಿಸಿದ ನಂತರ ಇಲ್ಲಿನ ವಿದ್ಯಮಾನಗಳನ್ನೆಲ್ಲಾ ಚೆನ್ನಾಗಿ ಅರಿತಿದ್ದ ಮುಂಚಿನ ಚೀಫ್ ಕನ್ಸರ್ವೇಟರರವರು ಇಲ್ಲಿನ ಜನರಿಗೆ ರಿಜರ್ವ ಕಾಡಿನಿಂದ ಒಣಕಟ್ಟಿಗೆ, ಮನ್ನಾ ಜಾತಿ ಶಿವ್ಯಾ ಉಳಿದ ಜಾತಿ ಮರಗಳ ಹಸಿ ಸೊಪ್ಪು, ಒಣದರಳೆ, ಮುಳ್ಳು, ಗುಟ್ಟ, ಬಳೆ ವಗೈರೆ ಸಾಹಿತ್ಯಗಳನ್ನು ಫೀ ಮಾಫಿಯಿಂದ ತರುವರೆ ರಿಯಾಯತಿ ಕೊಟ್ಟಿದ್ದರು—ಅಂಥಾ ರಿಯಾಯತಿಯನ್ನು ಯೋಗ್ಯರೀತಿಯ್ಲಿಂದ ಜನರು ಉಪಯೋಗಿಸುತ್ತಾ ಬಂದಿರುವಲ್ಲಿ ಈಗಿನ ಚೀಫ್ ಕನ್ಸರ್ವೇಟರವರು—ಏನೆಂದೂ ನಿಚಾರ ಸಚಾರವಿಲ್ಲದೆ ಕಳೆದ ಎಪ್ರಿಲ್ 1ನೇ ತಾರೀಕಿನಿಂದ—ಜನರಿಗೆ ರಿಜರ್ವ ಕಾಡಿನಿಂದ ತರಲಿಕ್ಕೆ ಕೊಟ್ಟಿರುವ ಪೂರ್ಣ ರಿಯಾಯತಿಯನ್ನು ರದ್ದುಪಡಿಸಿರುವದಾಗಿ ಮದ್ರಾಸ್ ಫೊರೆಸ್ಟ್ ಕನ್ಸರ್ವೇಟರವರು, ಅವರ ತಾ. 16—12—1932ರ ನಂಬ್ರ 569ನೇ ಪ್ರೊಸಿಡಿಂಗ್ಸು ಮೂಲಕ ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಿರುವದಾಗಿ ಡಿಸ್ಟ್ರಿಕ್ಟ್ ಫೊರೆಸ್ಟ್ ಆಫೀಸರರು ದ. ಕ. ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಗಜೇಟಿನಲ್ಲಿ ತಾ. 11—1—'33ರಲಿ ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಿದ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆಯನ್ನು ಓದಲಾಯಿತು.

3. ಮೇಲೆ ಕಾಣಿಸಿರುವ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆಯಿಂದ ಇಲ್ಲಿನ ಭವ್ಯ ವ್ಯವಸಾಯಕ್ಕೆ ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ತೊಂದರೆ ಸಂಭವಿಸಿದ್ದಲ್ಲದೆ, ಜನರ ನಿತ್ಯ ಜೀವನಕ್ಕೆ ಬೇಕಾದ ಕಟ್ಟಿಗೆ ವಗೈರೆ ಸಹಾ ದೊರಕದಂತಾದುದರಿಂದಲೂ—ಕಾಲಗತಿಯಿಂದ ದವಸ ಧಾನ್ಯಗಳ ಬೆಲೆ ಇಳಿದು, ಜಮೀನು ತೀರ್ವೆಯನ್ನು ಸರಾಗವಾಗಿ ಕೊಡಲಾರದೆ ಜನರು ಅಪಾರ ಸಂಕಷ್ಟದಲ್ಲಿ ಬಿದ್ದಿರುವಾಗ ಈ ಹುಕುಮಿನಿಂದ ಬೇಸಾಯಕ್ಕೆ ಭಾರೀ ಧಕ್ಕೆ ತಗಲಿ ವ್ಯಯಸಾಯ ವೃತ್ತಿಗೆ ತಕ್ಕ ಉತ್ತೇಜನ ದೊರಕದೆ ಕ್ರಮಕ್ರಮವಾಗಿ ಇಲ್ಲಿನ ವ್ಯವಸಾಯ ಜಮೀನೆಲ್ಲಾ ಬಂಜರು ಬೀಳುವ ಗಂಡಾಂತರ ಸ್ಥಿತಿಯೊದಗಿದೆಯೆಂದೂ—ಸರಕಾರಕ್ಕೆ ಚಿಕ್ಕಾಸಿನ ಪ್ರಯೋಜನವೂ ಇಲ್ಲದೆ ಕಾಡಿನಲ್ಲೇ ಬಿದ್ದು ನಾಶವಾಗುವ ಸಾಹಿತ್ಯಗಳನ್ನು ಸರಕಾರಕ್ಕೆ ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಕಂದಾಯಸಿಗುವ ಜಮೀನು ಸಾಗ್ವಳಿದಾರರಿಗೆ ಸಿಗದಂತೆ ಹೊರಡಿಸಿರುವ ಈ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆಯು ತೀತ್ಯಂತ ನಿಷ್ಕಾರವಾದುದೂ, ನಿರ್ದಯತನದ್ದೂ ಆಗಿದ್ದು—ಯಾವದೇ ಒಂದು ಸುಧಾರಿತ ಸರಕಾರವಾದರೂ ಇಂಥಾ ವರ್ತನೆಯನ್ನು ಸಮರ್ಥಿಸಲಾರದೆಂದು ಈ ಸಭೆಯು ಅತ್ಯಂತ ವ್ಯಸನಪೂರ್ವಕವಾಗಿ ಈ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆಯನ್ನು ನಿಷೇಧಿಸುತ್ತದೆ.

4. ಈ ಕುರಿತು ಬೈಂದೂರು ಪ್ರಾಂತ್ಯದವರು ಕಳುಹಿಸಿದ ಪ್ರೊಸಿಡಿಂಗ್ಸು ಮತ್ತು ಮಾನ್ಯ ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಕಲೆಕ್ಟರರವರು ಕುಂದಾಪುರ ಬೈಂದೂರಿಗೆ ಬಂದಾಗ ಜನರು ಡಿಪ್ಯುಟೇಶನ ಮೂಲಕ ನಿವೇದಿಸಿಕೊಂಡದಕ್ಕೆ ಸನ್ಮಾನ್ಯ ಕಲೆಕ್ಟರರಿಂದ ಈ ವರೆಗೂ ಯಾವದೊಂದೂ ಯೋಗ್ಯ ಹುಕುಂ ದೊರಕದಿರುವ ಬಾಬಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಈ ಸಭೆಯು ಅತ್ಯಂತ ವ್ಯಸನವನ್ನು ವ್ಯಕ್ತಪಡಿಸುತ್ತದೆ.

5. ಈ ಪ್ರಾಂತ್ಯದಲ್ಲಿ ಸರಕಾರಕ್ಕೂ ಪ್ರಜೆಗಳಿಗೂ ಇದೇ ಫೊರೆಸ್ಟ್ ಬಾಬಿನ ನಿರ್ಬಂಧದ ಸಂಬಂಧ ಅಪಾರ ವೈಮನಸ್ಯವುಂಟಾಗಿ ವೃಥಾ ಪ್ರಜಾಕ್ಷೋಭೆಯೂ, ಸರಕಾರಕ್ಕೂ ಪ್ರಜೆಗಳಿಗೂ—ಪರಸ್ಪರ ವಿರೋಧವೂ ಹೆಚ್ಚಿ, ನಿಷ್ಕಾರಣ ಗೊಂದಲಕ್ಕೆ ಈ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆಯು ಕಾರಣವಾಗಿರುವದರಿಂದ ಮಾನ್ಯ ಮದ್ರಾಸ್ ಸರಕಾರದವರು ಈ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆಯನ್ನು ಕೂಡಲೆ ರದ್ದುಪಡಿಸಿ ಜನರಿಗೆ ಸಿಕ್ಕುವ ರಿಯಾಯತಿಗಳು ಮುಂಚಿನಂತೆ ನಿರಾತಂಕವಾಗಿ ಸಿಕ್ಕುವಂತೆ ಕೂಡಲೇ ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥೆಗೊಳಿಸಬೇಕಾಗಿ ಈ ಸಭೆಯು ಅತ್ಯಂತ ವಿನಯದಿಂದ ಮದ್ರಾಸ್ ಸರಕಾರವನ್ನು ಪ್ರಾರ್ಥಿಸುತ್ತದೆ.

6. ಈ ಪ್ರೊಸಿಡಿಂಗ್ಸಿನ ನಕಲುಗಳನ್ನು ಸನ್ಮಾನ್ಯ ದಕ್ಷಣ ಕನ್ನಡಾ ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಕಲೆಕ್ಟರರಿಗೂ, ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಫೊರೆಸ್ಟ್ ಆಫೀಸರರಿಗೂ, ಫೊರೆಸ್ಟ್ ಚೀಫ್ ಕನ್ಸರ್ವೇಟರರು ಮತ್ತು ಕನ್ಸರ್ವೇಟರರಿಗೂ, ಮದ್ರಾಸ್ ಸರಕಾರದ ಲೊ ಮೆಂಬರರಿಗೂ, ಮಾನ್ಯ ಮದ್ರಾಸ್ ಗವರ್ನರರಿಗೂ, ದ. ಕ. ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ವರ್ಗದಾರ ಸಂಘದ ಪ್ರೆಸಿಡೆಂಟರಿಗೂ, ನಮ್ಮ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಯಿಂದ ಮದ್ರಾಸ್ ಲೆ. ಕೌನ್ಸಿಲಿಗೆ ಚುನಾಯಿತರಾದ ನಾಲ್ಕು ಜನ ಕೌನ್ಸಿಲು ಮೆಂಬರರಿಗೂ, ನಮ್ಮ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಯ ಎಲ್ಲಾ ವರ್ತಮಾನ ಪತ್ರಿಕೆಗಳಿಗೂ ಕಳುಹಿಸುವ ಸರ್ವಾಧಿಕಾರವನ್ನು ಈ ಸಭೆಯ ಪ್ರೆಸಿಡೆಂಟರಿಗೆ ಕೊಡೋಣಾಗಿದೆ.

ನಾಯ್ಕನಕಟ್ಟೆ,
ತಾ. 11—7—1933.

ತಿಮ್ಮಣ್ಣಾಚಾರ್ಯ.

ಕೆನರಾ ಪ್ರಿಂಟಿಂಗ್ ಪ್ರೆಸ್, ಮಂಗಳೂರು.

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The resolutions relate to the withdrawal of Forest Concessions in Shavara. Representations from various bodies have been received and no action was deemed necessary. The papers may therefore be "Lodged" for orders whether

Grant for 1933 Paddy Policy cannot be released

M 25.7.33. except of the communication should be communicated.

26.7.33 This memorial has been referred to in a D.C.G. received today. This shd be put up when it is sent.

RR 26.7.33